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Censorship board denies it gave in to political pressure

'Last Temptation' banned in Israel

By CALEV BEN-DAVID

The Interior Ministry's film and theatre censorship board voted yesterday to ban the screening here of Martin Scorses's controversial movie *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

There has been a campaign by local Christian leaders and fundamentalist Christian supporters of Israel abroad to prevent the film from being shown in the Holy Land.

However, Yehoshua Justman, chairman of the censorship board, denied that the decision was due to political pressure.

"The debate was solely between members of the board. The film touches on the very tenets of the Christian faith, violates censorship regulations and Article 149 of the criminal code, which forbids offending religious beliefs. The board voted by an overwhelming 16 to 3 to ban the film," he said.

"The decision is absurd," countered Taly Carmel of Pirsum Ratz, the film's publicity agents. "In all the Christian countries, including Italy, they've allowed the film to be shown. But here they ban it."

Justman cited precedents for the board's decision, such as the banning several years ago of the film *The Passover Plot*, which alleged that the resurrection of Jesus had been faked. He added that there was no comparison between *The Last Temptation* and a film such as *The Life of Brian*, a New Testament parody which was allowed to be screened.

"*The Life of Brian* was just a comedy, but this movie is a serious film which is a direct distortion of the New Testament," he said.

The film depicts a Jesus torn between his human feelings and his divine nature. The film's most controversial scene depicts a dream sequence in which the crucified Jesus imagines himself making love to Mary Magdalene.

While claiming that the censorship board had made an independent judgment, Justman admitted they had consulted with the Religious Affairs Ministry's liaison office for Christian groups and organizations.

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William Dafoe in the role of Jesus.

Recovery plan for Koor takes shape

By PINHAS LANDAU and JUDY MALTZ
Post Finance Reporters

The major commercial banks, and especially Bank Hapoalim, will almost certainly have to write off large sums from their Koor loan portfolio, and reschedule hundreds of millions of shekels more, as part of the "creditors' agreement" and recovery programme that began to take shape yesterday as the preferred solution to the Koor crisis.

The government has made clear to Koor's heads that it does not want to extend more aid to the industrial conglomerate, beyond the $50 million equity injection it agreed to last week. But, at the same time, it has not ruled out further discussion in the event that Koor presents it a serious and detailed recovery plan.

Such a plan would have to include figures and target dates for revenues and expenses, based on wage cuts, factory closures, sale of assets and debt relief through write-downs and rescheduling. The Treasury would probably insist on appointing its own representatives to any control committee monitoring Koor's implementation of such a plan.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a meeting with the head of the Likud's Histadrut faction, Ya'akov Shamai, promised that the government would not allow Koor to fold, but would insist on tough rationalisation measures and the end of what he called "the political control behind management." Shamir repeated this line at an election rally in Ashkelon yesterday evening, adding that "we will seek for ourselves the right to change the character of the management at the concern's plants, and at the rest of Hevrat Ha'ovdim's corporations."

The only alternative to an agreed recovery plan is to liquidate Koor. The Israeli banks could easily achieve this, by joining the New York Bankers Trust in its liquidation request filed last week at the Tel Aviv District Court. But the banks' legal advisers have now determined that this option would be too dangerous to implement.

Because of the complex structure of the Koor concern, which is split into hundreds of firms of different sizes spread over dozens of industries, the idea of an "El Al solu-

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'Palestinians should choose their own leaders'

Labour urges elections in West Bank and Gaza

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Post Political Correspondent

A Labour-led government will propose that the residents of the West Bank and Gaza elect their own leaders, who will negotiate with Israel on interim agreements, on condition that they agree and adhere to a three to six month period of absolute peace and quiet.

This is part of Labour's four-year programme, presented at a press conference yesterday by Labour Chairman Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The programme is based on renewing the Shultz initiative, negotiations with Jordan and a Palestinian leadership and economic and social reforms.

Presenting the party's security programme, Rabin stressed that the elected Palestinian leaders must be authentic local representatives, regardless of their biographies, who can represent the West Bank and Gaza residents with Jordan in negotiations with Israel for a comprehensive peace.

Should Jordan refuse to join the negotiations by the second year of the programme, Rabin continued, Israel will offer Gaza's residents the choice of governing themselves, in stages, headed by their elected leadership.

Rabin said the main effort will be concentrated on achieving peace on the Jordanian border. Taking Jordan out of the circle of war, Rabin said, was crucial to Israel's security, because it eliminates the eastern front.

Rabin said the two partners for these negotiations are Jordan and the Palestinians, both of which must participate, although interim agreements could be negotiated with the Palestinians alone.

"Our main effort will be devoted to achieve peace and security. There is no chance of peace without risks. Experience has proved that to achieve peace we must compromise and pay a certain price," Rabin said. He stressed, however, that Labour will not again pay the price Israel paid for peace with Egypt.

Rabin stressed that Israel would not return to the borders of 1967, and that Jerusalem and its suburbs will stay part of Israel.

President Herzog with President Mitterrand in Paris yesterday. (Reuter)

Pullout could leave Gaza worse off than Beirut, says Israeli president

Mitterrand greets Herzog as 'a friend'

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI and Agencies

PARIS – An Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip would lead to bloodshed on a scale that would make the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camp violence look like "a picnic," President Chaim Herzog told the newspaper *Le Figaro* on the eve of his official visit to France.

The President and his wife Aura were met at the airport yesterday afternoon by President Francois Mitterrand, who said that the visit was "an important event for both our countries." It had "a meaning felt by all those gathered around us here," he said.

Herzog is the first Israeli president ever to make an official visit to France.

Mitterrand added that he expected from Herzog "advice, information, and the thoughts of a man who has seen how the world has evolved in 40 years, and (to hear) how a people and a state has grown, and (to hear) about the problems that are assailing it".

"You know that France is a friend," Mitterrand continued, "and it is in this spirit that our conversations will derive their meaning."

In his *Figaro* interview, Herzog said the intifada could not be solved by force. But he added: "First of all, law and order must be maintained. If we left the Gaza Strip today saying, 'Sort out your own problems,' then what happened in Sabra and Shatilla would look like a picnic compared to what would happen then."

He said Islamic fundamentalist "fanatics" had strengthened their presence in the territories.

"The world must understand that the choice is not between negotiations around a table and the uprising, but between imposing order and experiencing a new Beirut, a new Teheran," he said.

He contrasted Israeli action against the Palestinians with Syria's crushing of the Hamma uprising in Syria in 1982, when troops killed 30,000 people, and with Algeria's suppression of riots last week, when at least 170 people died. In the 10 months of the intifada, 277 Palestinians have been killed. "You can try to do it our way, which takes time. Or you can act... like Algeria has in the past few days, swift and brutal," he said.

Turning to the elections, Herzog told *Le Figaro* that Israel may be headed for another coalition government. "The two (Labour and Likud) at the moment look just about even. The situation strongly resembles 1984," Herzog said, adding, "I am not disappointed with the result (of the coalition government)."

Two soldiers wounded in Kalkilya

BY JOEL GREENBERG

Two IDF soldiers were wounded yesterday in the West Bank town of Kalkilya, but the circumstances of the incident were not immediately known. One soldier was flown in serious condition to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. The second was taken in fair condition to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

In Jerusalem's Old City, a makeshift bomb was thrown last night at a Border Police patrol near the home of Industry Minister Ariel Sharon. The bomb exploded, but there were no casualties.

Police opened fire at the fleeing assailant, and blood stains were later found at the site.

At the entrance to Hebron, two petrol bombs were thrown at an Egged bus. There were no casualties.

The IDF is investigating an incident in which soldiers damaged furniture inside homes at Kaffin, west of Jenin, during a raid on the village over the weekend.

An IDF spokesman yesterday confirmed the damage, and said the army is investigating "the degree of force" used by soldiers while arresting suspects inside the homes on Saturday.

Soldiers chasing youths who pelted them with stones went into houses and forced open doors barricaded by the youths, the spokesman said. During scuffles when the youths resisted arrest, furniture was damaged, according to the spokesman.

Reports from Kaffin said soldiers had vandalized village homes, and demolished 15 walls carrying nationalist graffiti, including a wall around the local school. The IDF spokesman said one stone wall, whose stones were used to set up roadblocks, was demolished by an army bulldozer clearing the barricades.

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Yugoslavia facing threat of dissolution, party leader warns

BELGRADE (AP) – Yugoslavia's Communist Party chief, Stipe Suvar urged quarrelling leaders yesterday to unite or face "destruction," but Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic defended widespread demonstrations against economic hardship and ethnic disputes.

In a stinging attack on the inability to end Yugoslavia's worst post-war crisis, the Serbian party leader told a meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee that Yugoslavs would not accept another "marathon, sclerotic session" that fails to take concrete action.

Impoverished workers burdened by 217 per cent inflation and austerity measures imposed to curb a $21 billion debt have blamed Communist leaders for their plight and taken to the streets to protest.

They joined ethnic Slavs who have rallied for months against what they allege is discrimination and harassment by the Albanian majority in the southern province of Kosovo.

National party chief Suvar, a Croat, opened yesterday's meeting with a call for party unity, "a fundamental renewal of socialism" and urgent economic and political reforms to ease the spreading unrest.

"All of us in this country are faced with a choice – either we all resolve the crisis together, or we all head to destruction," Suvar warned in a two-hour speech.

There was no immediate word on whether the leadership had agreed on personnel changes. Suvar said last week that up to one-third of the 162 Central Committee members could be replaced at the meeting.

To date, four members of the 23-man Politburo have announced their resignations, expected to be confirmed by the policy-making Central Committee.

"All the incompetent and compromised people must go, and this society must be ensured of a perspective," Suvar told the meeting.

He demanded an end to "reckless confrontations" and mass rallies, saying they "are leading us nowhere."

The recent unrest has prompted speculation of a military takeover, particularly in Kosovo, where ethnic Slavs allege the Albanian majority is trying to run them out in order to create an all-Albanian republic or to join neighbouring Albania.

Suvar stressed the importance of a series of market-oriented economic reforms currently under consideration by parliament and due to take effect next year.

He advocated expanded private ownership, increased foreign investment and the shutdown of unprofitable state enterprises.

Shetreet resigns from Leumi board

Post Economic Staff

Shimon Shetreet, the Bank Leumi board member who blew open the Leumigate scandal, announced yesterday that he would resign, but not before he had sat for at least one meeting on a newly elected board.

The resignation plan was a compromise suggested by Arye Minkovitch, the head of the Securities Authority, and was welcomed by Attorney-General Yosef Harish. Shetreet also got the consent of the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Michael Bruno.

Shetreet is the last board member to agree to leave under pressure from the government for the board's handling of the generous personal contracts Leumi granted its top managers. Shetreet had refused to quit with the rest of the board earlier this month, arguing that since it had been he who had exposed the affair, he did not deserve to be punished.

Under the agreement, Shetreet will be elected to the new board, where he will be able to present his views on the personal contracts and the report prepared by the Securities Authority on the affair. Afterwards, he has agreed to resign.

Shetreet also insisted that one of the two new outside directors replacing him be required to attend all meetings of the board and its committee.

Philippines to get $1.46b. in U.S.aid after pact on bases

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – A military bases agreement concluded yesterday aims to give the Philippines $1.46 billion in U.S. aid in 1990-91, the State Department said.

A fact sheet, distributed before the accord was signed by Secretary of State George Shultz and Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus, outlines for the first time the official terms of the accord which allows U.S. use of Subic Bay naval base and Clark air base until 1991.

Under the agreement, President Reagan pledged to seek congressional approval for some $962 million for the Philippines over the two-year period in military, development and food aid and housing investment guarantees.

The U.S. also promised to target $500m. in assistance through the Overseas Private Investment Council (Opic) and the Export-Import Bank. Opic is a U.S.-owned corporation that funds and insures private investments in foreign countries, while the Ex-Im Bank helps to finance U.S. exports.

Washington has also promised to immediately transfer title to the Philippines of permanent buildings and structures and to expand Philippine markets by purchasing goods from the Philippines for U.S. bases in the Pacific.

Two held in Umm el-Fahm murder

Two men from Umm el-Fahm have been arrested in the killing of Ahmed Abu Za'roura, 26, from the Jenin area, who they believed had collaborated with the Israeli authorities.

Police said that Mahmoud Jiabrin, 26, and Mohammed Jiabrin, 23, members of the same clan, had confessed. The pair reportedly reenacted the crime for investigators and produced the pistol used in the killing.

Za'roura was sitting in a coffeehouse in the centre of Umm el-Fahm on October 6 when he was hit in the head by seven bullets and died on the spot.

He had been forced out of his village earlier because he was suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. It was the first reported killing within the Green Line of an alleged collaborator since the intifada began.

The two men were apprehended after a joint investigation by police and security forces. (Itim)

Egypt agrees to postpone Taba talks

Bowing to U.S. diplomatic lobbying and Israeli political constraints, Egypt yesterday agreed to postpone by 60 days the deadline for talks setting a timetable for the implementation of the Taba arbitrators' award.

An official announcement of the postponement is expected to be issued in Cairo today. The Egyptian decision was conveyed yesterday to ambassador Shimon Shamir in Cairo and by Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassiouni here.

The September 29 arbitration decision on the disputed border points in Taba found in Egypt's favour. According to the timetable laid down in the September, 1986 arbitration compromise signed by the two countries, they were to conclude the precise timetable on the implementation of the award 21 days after it was rendered.

Last week, Israel rejected an Egyptian request to hold a preliminary meeting in Rome this week on the implementation of the award.

Intense U.S. diplomatic lobbying, coupled with the realization in Cairo that holding the talks on the eve of the elections might prove counterproductive, persuaded Egypt to agree to postpone the original date.

The two countries now have until December 20 to agree on the timetable for implementation. Prior to the implementation, the two sides will have to agree on the delineation of the border in the Taba area, on access to the area for Israeli citizens, on the fate of the Taba Sonesta hotel and the Rafi Nelson village and on a timetable for the eventual Israeli withdrawal from the area.

No mention of reparations in Honecker meeting with Bronfman

BERLIN (AP) – The head of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, and East German leader Erich Honecker yesterday discussed the Communist nation's efforts to combat anti-Semitism, but neither side specifically mentioned a plan to aid Holocaust victims.

Before the hour-long meeting with Honecker, Bronfman said he hoped that during his visit a final decision could be reached on the issue of East German reparations to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. But the state-run news agency ADN, in several extensive dispatches, made no mention of discussions about reparations.

Bronfman also refused specific comment on the issue, saying only that the talk was "pleasant, very warm and very cordial."

"We agreed on all the fundamentals," he said, adding that details of the discussions would be announced at a press conference today.

ADN also reported that Honecker told Bronfman of East Germany's efforts to educate its young people about the horrors of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust.

Bronfman thanked Honecker for recent government efforts on behalf of Jews, including funding for the reconstruction of a synagogue in East Berlin.

After Bronfman's arrival Sunday, he told the Associated Press he believed the East German leadership was sincere in offering some reparations.

"Of course there has to be some earnest money. But I have said the money is a token thing. What is at stake here is moral culpability."

Since its founding in 1949, East Germany has argued that it bears no reponsibility for Nazi atrocities because the nation was born after World War II ended.

East Germany has traditionally portrayed both Communists and Jews as victims of the Nazis. Official communiques regularly refer to efforts by German Communists who fought against persecution of the Jews.

However, in past months East German media have reported on government efforts to improve relations with the East Berlin Jewish community.

In June, East Germany said it was willing to provide "humanitarian aid" to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust, but negotiations have continued on the reparations themselves.

West Berlin Jewish leaders have said that East Germany has been considering paying up to $100 million. In 1952, West Germany signed an agreement with the World Jewish Congress and since then has paid more than $48 billion to Holocaust survivors all over the world. West Germany was also founded in 1949.

After the meeting with Honecker, Bronfman met with East German Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer and other government officials.

He was also slated to meet with leaders of East Berlin's tiny Jewish community before departing today. There are between 450 and 600 practising Jews in East Germany.

Bronfman has repeatedly said he would not link changes in East Berlin policies over its Holocaust responsibility to better economic relations with the U. S.

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BRUSSELS	7	45	20	68	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	14	58	22	72	Rain
CHICAGO	7	44	22	72	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	11	52	12	54	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	8	46	16	61	Cloudy
GENEVA	9	48	17	63	Clear
HELSINKI	5	41	13	55	Clear
HONG KONG	24	75	28	82	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	12	54	24	75	Clear
LISBON	12	54	20	68	Rain
LONDON	13	55	15	59	Cloudy
MADRID	11	52	20	68	Clear
MONTREAL	4	39	17	63	Cloudy
NEW YORK	11	52	20	68	Cloudy
OSLO	6	43	6	44	Cloudy
PARIS	13	55	19	66	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	16	64	28	82	Clear
SAO PAULO	12	54	24	75	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	7	45	10	50	Clear
TOKYO	15	59	18	64	Cloudy
TORONTO	11	52	20	68	Cloudy
VIENNA	13	55	21	70	Clear
ZURICH	12	54	20	68	Clear

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Netanya topple Galil

Post Sports Staff

Elitzur Netanya, without a win so far this season, produced the surprise of the National Basketball League last night when they notched up their first success, and in so doing knocked Hapoel Galil Elyon out of the ranks of the unbeaten clubs. Netanya's heroes were David Cook, Ron Moore and Carl Neberson who spearheaded their 97-91 (49-49) victory over the men from the far north.

Last night's results, (half-time results in brackets): Elitzur Netanya 97, Hapole Galil Elyon 91 (49-49); Hapoel Eitan-Gvat 81, Maccabi Rishon LeZion 106 (43-57); Elitzur Ramle 98, Hapoel Tel Aviv 103 (37-64); Hapoel Haifa 92, Maccabi Ramat Gan 87 (46-40); Hapoel Jerusalem 85, Maccabi Tel Aviv 99 (38-47).

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-. Hap. Galil Elyon	4	1	429-378	9
4 Mac. Tel Aviv	4	0	432-369	8
5. Mac Ramat Gan	3	2	479-489	8
6. Mac. Rishon	4	1	449-426	7
- Hap. Haifa	2	3	414-401	7
8. Hap. Holon	2	2	337-313	6
9. Hap. J'lem	1	4	413-460	6
10. Elitzur Netanya	1	4	431-474	6
11 Hap. Eitan-Gvat	0	5	443-550	5
-. Elitzur Ramle	0	5	415-527	5

Amos for South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP) – Israel's No. 1 tennis player Amos Mansdorf, three Americans and the top-ranked players from Italy and Switzerland will compete in a team tournament in South Africa together with the Republic's top three players this weekend.

Mansdorf has been named as a member of the European team competing for the Standard Bank Cup, a round-robin competition. The two other members of the team are Francesco Cancellotti of Italy and Claudio Mezzadri of Switzerland.

The U.S. team players are David Pate, Matt Anger and South Africa-born Johan Kriek, now a U.S. citizen.

The South African team includes Christo van Rensburg and Pieter Aldrich who competed in the Riklis Grand Prix last week and Danie Visser.

Weizman: I'd form bloc with far left

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Post Political Correspondent

Labour campaign chairman Ezer Weizman said yesterday he would oppose forming a coalition with the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) and the Progressive List for Peace (PLP) after the elections but would be in favour of including these lists in a blocking majority, which would prevent the Likud from forming a government.

Weizman was speaking at a debate with Likud campaign chairman Moshe Arens held by the Israel Press Club before a packed house at Beit Sokolow.

"If there's going to be any heckling from the audience," Weizman said when comments were shouted at him from the hall, "I'm all for shouting back my replies. I'm in a great mood and had a good sleep this afternoon." Arens was more reserved throughout but seemed to be enjoying himself.

Weizman said that if Likud tries to form a narrow-based government with the religious parties, he would not object to forming a blocking majority leaning on the Arab and Communist lists.

"Everyone's chasing the Soviet Union. Both Shamir and Peres are eager to meet Shevardnadze. But when a blocking majority with the Israeli Communists is mentioned, everyone is scandalized," Weizman said. "In 1948 we fought with Czech arms. Did we support Stalin? No."

Weizman denied ever supporting talks with the PLO as it is today. He said he would talk to an authorized Palestinian leadership which can prove its authority, or to the PLO if it accepts resolution 242, recognizes Israel and changes its covenant.

Most of the debate focused on Labour's and Likud's plans for peace. Arens reiterated Likud's autonomy plan, stressing that the gap between Israel and the West Bank Arabs was too great to seek a permanent settlement immediately.

However, he refused to reveal the Likud's plans for the period after the autonomy, noting that it was politically unwise to reveal all one's cards at this stage.

Weizman pointed out that the Camp David accords, which Arens had voted against, were based on Resolution 242 which specifies vacating territories as part of a permanent agreement. Likud's autonomy plan, Weizman said, will be the first step towards annexation of the territories, which is Likud's idea of a permanent settlement.

Arens accused Weizman of being a friend of the Arabs, quoting from a statement in which Weizman said that from Weizmann (Chaim) to Weizman (Ezer), there has not been a friend to the Arabs such as Weizman.

"What's wrong with that?" grinned Weizman, adding that he should have brought a photograph of his uncle, President Chaim Weizmann, with King Faisal, in which the future president was also wearing a kefiye. (A picture of Weizman wearing a kefiye was shown in Likud's campaign broadcasts, in an attempt to identify him with the Palestinians.)

Labour: Shamir backing off from TV debate

By DAN PETREANU

Labour Party campaigners yesterday accused the Likud of "backing away" from the Shamir-Peres debate, after the two sides again failed to reach agreement yesterday on its moderator and format.

"I have concluded that Shamir simply gave an order not to reach an agreement on the debate, because the Likud knows Peres will come off better," said Shmuel Frenkel, who along with information head Nissim Zvilli represented Labour in the one-hour meeting with the Likud's Roni Milo and Yossi Ra'ani.

"We suggested every major newspaper editor and journalist in Israel but they turned them all down without giving reasons and insisted on former Ma'ariv editor Moshe Zak," said Frenkel. He said that Zak, "who is over 70, has never been on TV, and is associated with the far right," was unacceptable to Labour.

Frenkel also said the Likud was "still not willing to allow the debate to be spontaneous, as everyone in Israel wants it to be."

According to a poll published in Ha'aretz, 71 per cent of the public does not want the questions submitted in advance.

The two sides disagree on what the next move will be. The Likud spokesman's office yesterday issued a statement saying that it was up to Labour to make a final decision on Zak. Labour, on the other hand, is "waiting for the Likud to suggest other candidates."

Levy rejects new unity government

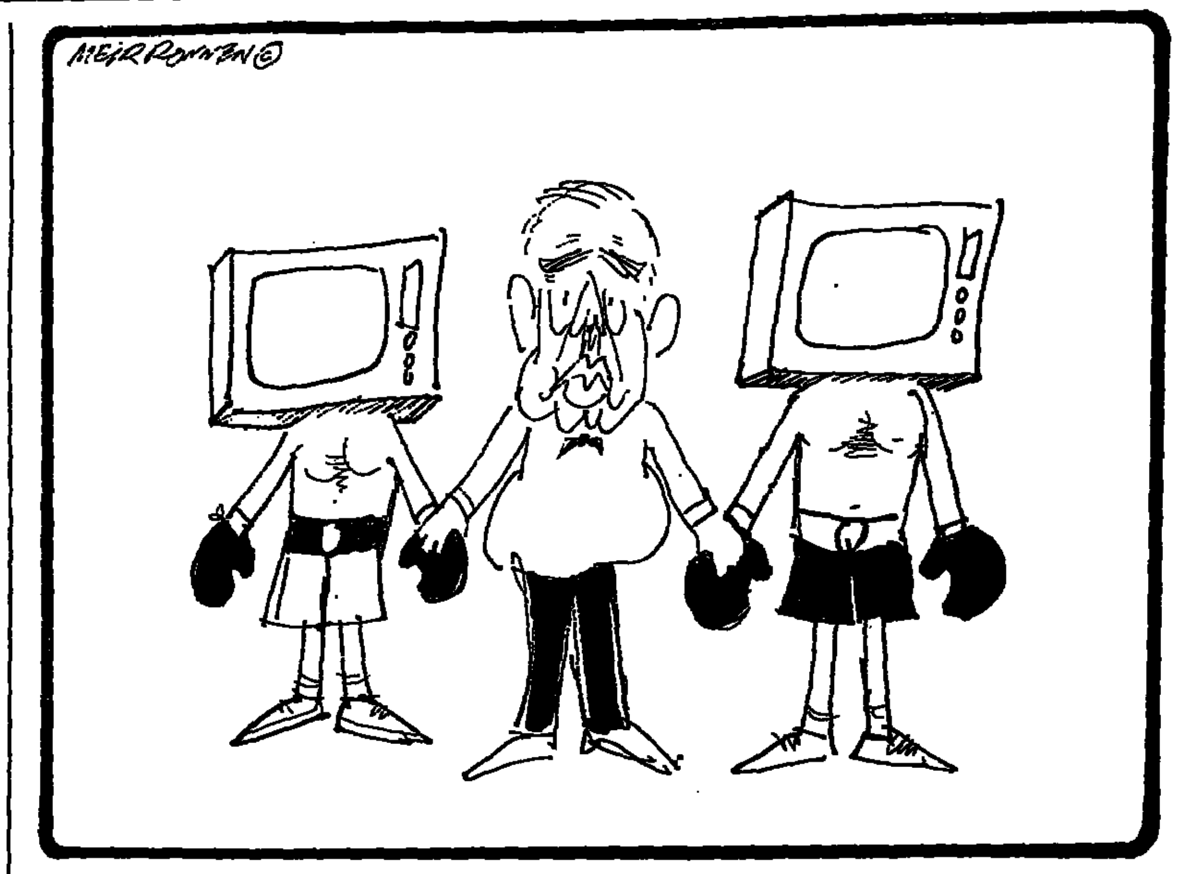
By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Post Political Correspondent

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy yesterday again took a position in defiance of his party leader by blasting the concept of another national unity government after the elections.

Levy said it was a mistake to say that the Likud would once again form a unity government. He thus contradicted Prime Minister Shamir, who has stated repeatedly in recent weeks that he will attempt to do so.

"The national unity government has damaged the Likud's motivation. It's a government with two heads which shirked every responsibility," Levy said during a visit to Tiberias.

At a rally reportedly attended by some 2,000 people, Levy said that a Likud-led government was necessary as all the achievements regarding settlements, neighbourhood rehabilitation, construction in development towns, were attributable to Likud-led governments.



Labour takes a round in the bout

By PHILIP GILLON

There can be little doubt that the Labour Party won an unprecedented victory in last night's round of the election TV tournament. This does not mean that Likud cannot stage a comeback tonight or some other night, but last night was catastrophic for them.

Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin outlined a detailed four-year plan for peace. Whatever the reaction of viewers, they must have been deeply impressed by the obvious thought that had gone into the plan's preparation, and the courage of presenting it at this stage of the game, when everyone is expected to play safe.

What did the Likud offer against this? A large part of their programme was devoted to a comparative nobody, Mordechai Ben-Porat, giving his version of the Arabic translation of Ezer Weizman's advert, and delivering a clarion call to us not to extend a hand of friendship to the Arabs. It seemed very petty politics compared to the importance of the Labour plan.

Then they produced Benny Begin to pounce on a clause in the Labour plan that guaranteed the IDF the right of pursuit. He built up a denunciation of the whole plan based

The Screen Campaign

on this small observation and appealed to viewers to support the Likud's plan based on Camp David.

But what is this plan? Where is it? If Benny Begin had the Labour plan in his hand long enough to prepare his criticism of it, surely he had time to explain to us what the Likud plan is? And don't just throw us the word "autonomy" like a bone to a starving dog. Give us a detailed Likud plan for four years and a vision of the future, so that we can compare it with what Labour proferred.

As against this weak performance by Begin junior, I thought David Levy did very well with his presentation of all the settlements built by Likud in Galilee between 1977 and 1984, compared to Labour's record between 1967 and 1977. Did Likud really build 63 settlements in Galilee compared to Labour's nil in the previous ten years? That's a pretty convincing score.

My heart bleeds for the small parties. With limited time and resources, they perform wonders. But they can't really grip us the way the two big parties do, because they are so remote from the big fight that takes place each night; like boxers fighting preliminaries before the heavyweight championship of the world. They may box wonderfully, but nobody is really paying any attention to them. They are just filling up time until the real action starts. I hasten to add that this does not mean I think they won't get any votes on election day. But, they are like actors in an educational documentary Jordan TV is showing while Dynasty is on the screen in Israel.

Animosity runs deep as PLP, DFPE meet

By DAN PETREANU

TEL AVIV – In a cramped attic in an old quarter of Tel Aviv, representatives of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Progressive List for Peace met yesterday in what was billed as "the first ever joint public appearance" by the two parties.

About 30 people, mostly members of the extreme left, heard PLP Knesset candidate Haim Hanegbi issue a plea for a cease-fire between the parties, which have been engaged in a bitter feud since the birth of the PLP in 1984. He offered DFPE representative Salman Jubran a surplus votes agreement "on the spot."

Hanegbi also proposed that the two non-Zionist parties join parliamentary forces with Mapam and the CRM after the elections, "forming a bloc of almost 20 seats which will be a formidable opposition to any government not willing to make peace with the Palestinians."

Unimpressed, Jubran disappointed the audience by quoting at length from PLP ads which, in his words, "constitute a frontal attack on the DFPE."

"I am willing to conduct debate with anyone who is my opponent," said Jubran. "Gone are the days when any opponent is an enemy. For now, the PLP is treating us like an enemy."

"PLP and the DFPE are the only Knesset caucuses that totally ignore each other," Hanegbi lamented. "I have seen Tewfik Toubi exchanging friendly conversation even with [Likud's] Moshe Arens, but never with us."

But throughout the entire evening, never once did Hanegbi look directly at Jubran.

Lynn, Liba'i argue the lessons of the Holocaust

By LEA LEVAVI

The lesson of the Holocaust – namely that Jews must be able to defend themselves and can't depend on anyone else – should be remembered when we search for peace, MK Uriel Lynn of the Likud said last night in a debate with David Liba'i (Labour) at Beit Sokolow.

Liba'i replied that the real lesson of the Holocaust is the need for a Jewish state, and a million and a half Palestinians in the territories endanger Israel's future as a Jewish state.

The debate was organized by three organizations: Savlanut, the Movement for a Good Israel, and Am Yaffe, Am Ehad, all of which are engaged in a national campaign for elections without violence. On this subject, Lynn and Liba'i agreed that we must find ways to make election campaigns interesting without verbal violence and certainly without physical violence.

Ha'aretz retracts story of spying by ex-GSS men

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Post Political Correspondent

Ha'aretz yesterday retracted the report it published two weeks ago, alleging that former General Security Service operatives Peleg Radai, Reuven Hazak and Rafi Malka had been hired by Labour to spy on the Likud.

Published in a small box on page 3, (the original story had been published under a large headline on the front page), the retraction says that Ha'aretz had re-examined the subject and found that the report's allegations constituted a "jumping to conclusions."

"The connection made by the source of our information between the professional skills of the three and the fact that Labour sometimes has prior information regarding its rival's moves – consisted of jumping to conclusions." The retraction ends with the paper's apology to Hazak, Malka and Radai.

Attorney Mishael Heshin, who represented the ex-GSS agents, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that although the retraction was not all that could have been expected, it ended the affair "in principle." He noted that the retraction, which he had demanded as a condition for not filing libel charges, was part of an agreement between the two sides.

Ha'aretz managing editor Hanoch Marmari said yesterday that as far as his paper was concerned, he hoped the affair was over. Marmari would not say why the retraction was not described as such or as an apology, or why it was published on page 3 rather than on page 1.

'Cut the child in half' says the NRP on surplus votes

VIEWPOINT
Yehuda Ben-Meir

One of the most incisive moral lessons in the Tora is that of the judgment of Solomon. The famous story of the two women claiming to be the mother of the same infant defines the test of genuine commitment and true love. The pretended mother, when confronted with the possibility of losing her case, cries out: "Cut the child in half, if I cannot have it, neither shall she." But the true mother cannot bear to see her own child killed and cries: "Give the baby to her - only let it live." King Solomon had no trouble deciding who the true mother was.

Someone who loves another person, or who is genuinely committed to an ideal – no matter how great his pique, no matter what his reasons may be – doesn't willfully harm that person or that ideal. The heartless and cruel attitude of "neither me nor you shall have the child" has gone down in history as a symbol of callousness and hypocrisy.

The decision of the National Religious Party not to sign a surplus vote agreement with Meimad was taken in the true spirit of the pretended mother in Solomon's judgment. Surplus vote agreements are geared to Israel's proportional electoral system. According to this system the total number of votes received by each list is divided by the number needed for one Knesset seat (this time approximately 18,500) and the result is the number of seats won by that list.

There are always left-over, or surplus votes, that is, a few thousand votes above the total needed for a given number of seats. In most cases these votes are wasted. The law therefore enables two lists which are close in ideology to sign prior to election day a "surplus vote agreement" which almost always guarantees an additional seat to one of the parties. This year such agreements have been signed between the Likud and Tehiya, Labour and the Citizens Rights Movement, Shas and Degel Hatora, and so on.

Meimad early in the campaign appealed to the NRP to sign such an agreement. This would guarantee that not one single vote would go to waste as a result of the appearance of the two lists. According to the election law the two lists would receive together the exact number of seats they would have been entitled to had they run as one joint list – the seats being allocated on the basis of the total vote, and only afterwards divided between the two lists.

What could have been more logical and sensible for the NRP – whose whole campaign is supposedly based on the need to strengthen religious Zionism – than to agree to Meimad's appeal. And indeed all the elder statesmen of the NRP called on their party to agree. Dr. Zerah Warhaftig and Dr. Yosef Burg supported such an agreement, as did Shlomo Zalman Shragai in an eloquent last-minute appeal. The Tel Aviv and Haifa branches cabled the leadership, demanding such an agreement. But it was all in vain.

The NRP executive rejected all these appeals by a vote of 16 to 11. It thus cut off its own nose to spite Meimad's face and caused great damage to the cause of religious Zionism.

Peres tells Shfaram: Voting Communist helps the Likud

By ANDY COURT

SHFARAM – Labour leader Shimon Peres told residents in this Israeli Arab village that a vote for the Communists would be a vote down the drain.

"If this time there isn't peace and there isn't equality the Arab voter will be to blame," Peres said. "The Arabs have the chance today to elect 14 Knesset members. If you want to give them to the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE), the Communist party, fine; the Likud will be stronger. I absolutely do not understand the Arab voter. Half of the vote goes for nothing."

Peres spoke at an outdoor rally in a local school, as a special team of police guards surrounded the area and watched from rooftops. But there was virtually no heckling of Peres, not even by the Communist party supporters handing out literature outside.

After Peres explained his new addition to the Labour campaign platform – a call for free elections in the territories, provided that the Palestinians stop the uprising for several months – he asked dramatically, "Is that fair or not?" There was silence in the audience except for a few people who mumbled "No" from the sidelines.

The main thrust of Peres' pitch was that the only way Israeli Arabs would achieve full equal rights was for them to vote Labour in a percentage that they have never rendered to Labour in the past. But not everyone was convinced.

"What he said about elections is all good and fine," said Mahmoud Salem, 50, "but it won't solve anything. He didn't mention the PLO, and they are the only true representative of the Palestinians."

Salem nonetheless plans to vote for Labour, believing it to be the "lesser evil" between the two major parties. In the last elections, the town gave about half of its vote to the DFPE.

One of Peres's biggest assets in Shfaram this election is Nelly Karkaby, a female Christian Arab from Shfaram, who appears in one of the lower positions in the party's Knesset list. "The people appreciate what Peres said tonight because we so much want peace," Karkaby said. "We are Israelis and this is our country, but we are also part and parcel of the Palestinian people."

Election briefs

Kachniks disrupt rally

Kach activists last night heckled and booed Minister Yigal Hurwitz, preventing him from addressing a Likud election rally in Kiryat Arba. The protesters chanted against Likud collaboration in the disqualification of the Kach party from participating in the elections. Police forces arrived at the scene and dispersed the unruly crowd, but no arrests were made.

Jerusalem Post Staff

'Genocidal' remarks

The Citizens Rights Movement sharply rebuked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for his "genocidal" statement that "not one Arab would survive" in the territories if the Arabs began using live weapons. The movement termed the remark "frightening... even as a slip of the tongue." Said the CRM statement: "Kahane's inciting pales in comparison. Shamir wants to turn all of the territories into one big Deir Yassin. We will fight him to the end."

Dan Petreanu

Central Elections Committee for the Twelfth Knesset

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I am sure that the provisions of the law and the arrangements made by the Central Elections Committee are sufficient to ensure that every citizen may vote freely, according to his will and conscience.

I call on every voter to exercise his right to vote, as a free citizen.

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Judge of the Supreme Court
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Nobel award for three drug rese

STOCKHOLM (AP) – Three researchers from the U.S. and Britain have won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for discoveries leading to new drugs for heart attack and cancer victims and the most widely used drug against Aids.

Sir James Black, 64, of London University's Kings College Medical School, was cited for developing drugs 24 years ago to treat high blood pressure and reduce the fatality rate from heart attacks, the Nobel committee said.

U.S. researchers Gertrude Elion, 70, and George Hitchings, 83, who began collaborating 45 years ago at the Wellcome Research Laboratories in North Carolina, developed drugs for the treatment of leukemia, gout, malaria and the herpes virus.

Their theories were later were applied in the development of ATZ (arazidothymidine), the best documented drug for treating Aids.

"We are still harvesting the fruits of what they determined almost 40 years ago," said Folke Sjoqvist, a member of the Nobel Assembly of the Karolinska Institute, which awards the annual medical prize.

"Surprised is not exactly the word," Elion told a U.S. radio station when asked for her reaction: "Disbelieving is the right word. As I say, I haven't heard from the Nobel people, and until they confirm it, I won't believe it. I did not even know I had been nominated for it."

Hitchings said that his greatest reward was knowing his work would help people in the future. "I'm pleased more for my descendants than I am for myself," he said. "I've had a lot of honours, but the most important honours for me have been meeting patients whose lives have been saved or whose children's lives have been saved by drugs I've invented."

It was the first time since 1957, when the discovery of antihistamines was rewarded, that the coveted prize was given in the field of drug development.

The three winners share a cash award of 2.5 million kronor (about $390,000) which they are to receive at an awards ceremony on December 10.

The institute cited the three pharmaceutical researchers "for their discoveries of important principles for drug treatment."

"These three people are different from earlier pharmaceutical scientists in that they started by mapping out the biochemistry and physiology of the body," said physiologist Bengt Pernow, another member of the assembly. Pernow told reporters that Black's work in developing what are called "beta blockers" was "the greatest breakthrough when it comes to pharmaceuticals against heart illness since the disovery of digitalis 200 years ago."

"Black, in his laboratory, has relieved more human suffering than thousands of doctors in a lifetime at the bedside," said Professor Desmond Laurence, head of pharmacology at London's University College.

Working according to the theories of U.S. scientist Raymond Ahlqvist about how cells receive signals, Black helped develop substances that could systematically block some receivers known as beta receptors. He was the first to realize the drug possibilities for treating heart disease. Previous drugs had increased the amount of oxygen carried to the heart, but Black's idea was to slow the transfer of oxygen to the heart and reduce its workload by blockin the beta receptors, the institute said.

Clinical tests of propranolol proved Black theories correct, and the drug was widely use to treat angina pectoris and conditions such a tachycardia and tachyarrythmia.

"It was later found that these drugs were als effective in the treatment of hypertension and i decreasing mortality in connection with myocardial infarction," the announcement said.

His later work focused on histamines that escaped treatment by the antihistamines known at the time. He theorized that histamines had two types of receptors and developed drugs to block what he called the H2-receptor. The discovery reduced the need for surgery in cases of peptic ulcer, the announcement said, and opened the way to "new possibilities to explore the physiological role of the H2-receptors."

The work of Elion and Hutchings broke new ground in finding the differences in nucleic acid metabolism between normal cells and cancer cells, protozoa, bacteria and viruses, the institute said. Their discoveries in the late 1940s resulted in the production in the early '50s of a variety of new drugs such as thioguanine and 6-mercaptopurine for leukemia patients. These drugs are still in use, the announcement said.

In 1957 they improved on their findings by using sulphur-substituted compounds to develop azathioprine, which for many years was the only drug available to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs, it said.

The most recent breakthrough in applying their research cited by the institute came in 1977, when the first effective drug was developed for treating herpes infections.

Defence challenges film evidence as Brussels soccer-riot

BRUSSELS (Reuter) – Defence lawyers in the trial of 26 Britons who caused the death of 39 people, mostly Italians, in the Heysel stadium disaster here in May 1985, yesterday asked the court to bar the screening of a police video film of the riots as untrustworthy evidence.

Georges Beauthier, acting for one of the accused, referred on the first day of the trial to a composite video film of the riots, put together by the police from several television film recordings. The prosecution is planning to show the film as evidence.

"You can do anything with these composite montages. You can mix them, edit them, show what you want. We lawyers learn to distrust them. It is unacceptable that they be used for a conviction," Beauthier said.

He also challenged the way in which some of the accused had been identified by Italians from photographs shown months after the disaster.

The defendants are charged with manslaughter "by premeditated assault and battery." The disaster occurred prior to a European cup final between England's Liverpool and Italy's Juventus.

Twenty-four Britons – all Liverpool fans, mostly in their 20s – turned up for the trial. Two others are serving prison sentences in Britain for unrelated offences and are expected to be tried in their absence.

VIEWPOINT
Yehuda Ben-Meir

The fading Jews of Greece

Joseph Hoffman
and Helen K...

Polish leaders delay key talks with Solidarity

WARSAW (Reuter) – Poland's communist rulers, racked by internal divisions over whether to re-legalize Solidarity, have delayed the start of key talks with the banned trade union, political sources said yesterday.

The sources, speaking on the day the round-table talks were originally expected to start, said the government had not even agreed when and where they would now take place. They were unlikely to start before late next week. They said Solidarity had brushed off government objections to several members of its team.

Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz declined to comment on the delay and the office of government spokesman Jerzy Urban also brushed off a question on when the talks would start.

The sources said the government appeared to be in turmoil over a Solidarity threat that the talks would get nowhere unless it legalized the union, suppressed in 1981.

Official newspapers have recently given reduced prominence to the talks and quoted miners belonging to the official Opzz trade unions as threatening to tear up their party membership cards if Solidarity is relegalizsed.

The press has shifted attention in the last few days to last week's appointment of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski's cabinet.

Rakowski said on Friday preparations for the talks were running into difficulties and refused to give a date for their start.

Queen begins first visit by a British monarch to Spain

MADRID (AFP) – Queen Elizabeth II met with King Juan Carlos here yesterday at the start of a five-day visit to Spain, the first by a reigning British monarch.

The queen also met with Spanish leaders, including Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, and Mayor Juan Barranco of Madrid.

On arrival, the queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were welcomed at the airport by Crown Prince Felipe and Princess Cristina. Britain's royal couple later lunched privately with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia at Zarzuela Palace.

The queen is to spend three days in the capital, where her programme includes visits to city hall, parliament, the Prado museum and the Escorial Palace.

The visit comes at a time of improved relations between the two countries despite wrangling over Gibraltar.

News in Brief

Brazil-Soviet ties

MOSCOW – Brazilian President Jose Sarney arrived here yesterday with a 154-strong entourage to strengthen relations, seek access to Soviet high technology and assert his country's primacy in Latin America and the Third World. The president made it clear before leaving for his five-day visit that Brazil wants a strong trading relationship with the Soviet Union to counterbalance its ties to the West. *AFP*

First Peking VD centre

PEKING – Peking has opened its first venereal disease treatment centre to handle the rapid rise in such cases, the official *China Daily* said yesterday. It said 427 Peking residents last year were diagnosed as having gonorrhea, syphilis and other types of venereal disease. *AP*

Soviets study at Oxford

OXFORD – Nine students from the Soviet Union have arrived at Oxford University, the first Soviets to attend the ancient centre of learning, the university announced. New York millionaire George Soros and Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office will pay the $7,000 tuition and living costs for each student. The Soviets will study here as part of a programme to improve East-West understanding. They will learn graduate topics from theoretical physics to English literature. *AP*

Trial of Nasser's son

CAIRO – The trial of a son of the late Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser and 19 others accused of involvement in killing Israeli diplomats will begin on November 1 under tight security, officials said yesterday. Prosecutors have demanded the death penalty for 11 of the accused, including Nasser's 38-year-old son Khaled Abdel who has lived in self-exile in Yugoslavia for the past year. *Reuter*

Pentagon siege

WASHINGTON – Police arrested more than 200 protesters who blocked entrances to the Defence Department, planted hundreds of wooden crosses on the Pentagon lawn and beat one policeman during a protest yesterday against U.S. policy in El Salvador. Since 1980, an estimated 60,000 people have died in El Salvador, where the government has received more than $2 billion in U.S. aid over the past four years. *AFP*

Encephalitis kills 1,000

NEW DELHI – An outbreak of encephalitis has killed at least 1,000 people in recent weeks in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, doctors said yesterday. The disease, which is spread by mosquitoes, attacks the brain, causing unconsciousness before killing. Local press reports said the death toll could be five times higher than the official figure as many victims in rural areas would not be able to reach hospital. *Reuter*

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By PHILIP GILLON

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Looking at the *other* issues

Maccabee Dean

THE INTIFADA has shoved domestic problems far into the background in the present election campaign. Although such problems may be of secondary importance at present, they are a constant source of year-round irritation, anxiety and anger to most Israelis. And what is most frustrating is that some of these problems could be solved, or greatly ameliorated.

Only the religious parties show much interest in the local scene. But since each religious party boasts a monopoly on organizing a better society, their failure to organize a working arrangement among themselves invalidates all their promises.

What are the local issues that trouble Israelis and which are being ignored wholesale by our "wise" political leaders in the present election campaign – issues that corrupt the very essence of the state and its people?

First and foremost, despite all the talk about electoral reform, nothing has been done. The public may be wedded to the principle of democracy; but this public also wants a stable democracy which can carry out the wishes of the majority of the public (while safeguarding the rights of the minority). But today's antiquated percentage system makes coalition haggling and bargaining a must. Unless, of course, one party gets a clear majority of 61 Knesset members, which seems unlikely, the small parties needed for a coalition will continue to call the tune to which the senior partner dances. By simply raising the qualifying percentage from 1 per cent to, let us say, 3 or 4 per cent, most splinter parties would not even think of contesting the elections. Rather, these groups would do all their haggling and bargaining with one of the larger parties – before elections.

THE PUBLIC WANTS to see something done about the constant growth in the use of drugs, not only the so-called "soft" ones such as hashish, but the "hard" ones like heroin and cocaine. As far as we know, waging a war against drugs has never been mentioned in the election speeches; nor has it been included in any party platform.

The same holds true for the steady increase in alcoholism and drunk-driving. According to one survey taken some years ago, one out of seven persons involved in a traffic accident had a high percentage of alcohol in his or her blood.

And despite the continuous public outcry against traffic murders, no candidate for election has stood up and made a promise: If my party is returned to power with a considerable majority, we promise to reduce traffic deaths by 10 or 20 per cent. These candidates are too busy driving, or being chauffeured around, at breakneck speeds to give much attention to this problem.

On the economic front, the Histadrut empire is being badly battered. No matter what one thinks about an organization that tries to represent labour and capital at the same time, the Histadrut controls about a quarter of Israel's economy, and influences another large per cent. And neither Labour nor Likud would like to see this economic empire collapse. For although management may be hand-picked Labour party members, a huge percentage of the workers vote Likud. Their jobs are at stake.

Stagnation in the growth of productivity is frightening. But this is not of any importance evidently, according to the attention it has received in recent years. Yet Israel is expected to export and compete with countries whose productivity is constantly rising. One of these days, Uncle Sam might tighten the purse strings. The ensuing belt-tightening here would be catastrophic. Many would prefer emigration to belt-tightening.

The election campaign might be a good time to indoctrinate the workers (and physicians are also workers) with the idea that they should spend as much time, if not more, in increasing productivity as in devising excuses for striking.

Let's not forget our bloated and inefficient civil service. Much time has been wasted on talk about reducing it, but little or nothing has been done. About one-third of the work force is employed in one form or another by the public services, i.e., government, municipalities, national institutions, etc.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE long lines of Kupat Holim Clalit members waiting for elective surgery? And those queues to see doctors in the clinics. Outside every doctor's office in a clinic (despite the "appointment system") there is generally a crowd of patients, huddling around the door, elbowing, arguing, checking what queue number is held by the other person. This could be solved overnight. At least this is the case at the pharmacy in the Ramat Gan District Clinic, which was once filled with chaos. Today, a large electronic dial on the wall shows which "number" is being served. The other patients can – and do – sit patiently in their seats, reading and conversing, until they know their number is about to be called.

And there are some 400,000 pensioners who have been so forgotten by the major parties that a special party, the "Gimlaim," has sprung into existence to fight for their pension rights, for many believe they have been badly shortchanged. This entire problem could be solved very easily:

Every pay slip should contain one pertinent piece of information: how much this worker will receive as a pension at the age of 65 (60 for women). The employees would be so shocked that they would rectify the situation within months.

(The employers' trick is to base the 70 per cent of a full pension only on the basic wage – which excludes about 40 per cent of the workers' income, which comes from allowances that are taxed as if they were income: car fare, telephone expenses, clothing allowances, professional literature, etc. Thus, the worker gets 70 per cent of the remaining 60 per cent, which comes to 42 per cent.)

Perhaps the solution to the entire problem is a proposal we recently heard from the owner of a used-book store. "Every four years we should hold elections to decide which political figures are guilty of dereliction of duty; then these persons should be thrown into jail for a couple of years; this really would improve public morale."

His idea, of course, sounds good, but it is impractical. The jails are not large enough to hold so many persons.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

Don't blame the electoral system

Gabi Sheffer

"CHANGE the electoral system!" "Can't you see it doesn't work?" "The political system is in a total impasse!" "It is the stupidest electoral arrangement ever!"

These are some of the pronouncements of a new, arrogant "expert" on Israeli society and politics. Almost inevitably, he is an American who apparently has difficulty in comprehending the intricacies – and, I would add, merits – of the Israeli proportional representation electoral system.

The views of this novice in Israeli politics would not normally matter very much. But for a number of important reasons, a few comments in defence of the system are in order.

The trouble is that this "expert" has access to one of the largest, most influential and respectable media institutions in the United States. And after only a few months in this country, he has been "forced" by his editors and by his Israeli friends to become an "expert witness" in the matter of the Israeli political system and has already adopted an inflexible and unfavourable opinion of it.

His views also merit some comment since they will resonate in various circles in the U.S. and elsewhere, and will sooner or later be "immortalized" in a bestselling book.

Finally and most important of all, his anti-proportionalist views will reinforce the erroneous attitudes of his Israeli friends and admirers, who religiously accept every unintelligent pronouncement by foreign "experts."

Therefore, especially now that the general elections are almost upon us, a few things about Israeli politics should be re-explained. The most fundamental observation is that one should not separate the electoral system from other aspects of political culture or, in fact, from the entire social structure. Proportionalism is very deeply rooted in Israeli politics and society.

Although there is nothing sacred in political institutional set-ups and these should and can be changed when circumstances require, respect for traditional wisdom and caution is nevertheless always advisable when dealing with deeply rooted and venerable arrangements.

It should be remembered that the entire Israeli political system, including the electoral arrangement – which was introduced as far back as the very first Zionist congresses at the turn of the century and reaffirmed on the eve of the War of Independence – still shows remarkable resilience. Therefore, there are well-founded reasons for resisting brutal change to this democratic mechanism. Before touching it, the implicit wishes of broad groups should be respected.

THIS IS PARTICULARLY the case since the alternatives are no less problematic than the proportional system itself. Neither the American nor the British system is fully satisfactory. Complex technical considerations aside, these two systems incorporate serious flaws with regard to representing all shades of opinion, political efficiency, flexibility and the selection of innovative leadership, as well as all the rest of the problems which are regularly associated with the Israeli system. So much so, that some very serious political thinkers and analysts are suggesting the need to add proportional elements to these two systems.

Mixed systems like those in Italy, the Netherlands and other European countries, which have changed their pure proportional system, often show signs of stagnation and immobilism. These usually reflect deeper political, social and economic difficulties, even crises.

But let us assume that the leaders of the larger Israeli parties agree on the need for reform. Even before discussing specifics and technical matters, they will have to face the fact that it would be impossible to end up with only two parties, as in the far-from-perfect American model. At the very least, there will be a need for four large parties – a leftist, centre, rightist and religious. Such a situation would not be very different from the present situation in which people vote within blocs.

The crux of the matter is that the present complex multi-party map reflects very basic ideological divergence and disagreements in Israeli society. It is clear that there is a genuine social and ideological demand for the various parties. All of the existing, and most of the new, parties offer something valuable to broad social groups. Very few parties have emerged as a result of personal whim.

Great leaders – Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir were examples – can operate within this system, as they do in other systems, often within similar constraints. And look at other systems: the British system was stagnating before Margaret Thatcher; there was a public demand for change, and Thatcher came along and altered the behaviour, not the structure. And some say that the "ideal" American system is stagnating too.

Political impasse has only little to do with the system, which is always a product of political and social culture. It has more to do with leaders and their followers. In the Israeli system, it points to a very mediocre leadership and deep splits in the Israeli electorate. This split is mainly over the question of the fate of the territories and the Palestinian problem; it also includes other issues now dormant because of society's order of priorities.

Before passing the death sentence on the electoral system, we ought to make sure we have accurately understood and dealt with the underlying social and political structural problems. Blaming symptoms and pushing to change them is going to create further confusion and possibly great danger for Israeli politics.

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The economy

FOR the last two years, the annual rate of inflation has been around 15-16 per cent, and that is also the picture on the eve of the elections. It does not matter what the two big parties claim during the election campaign, with both the Alignment and the Likud trying to take credit for managing to curb inflation. In fact, both happen to be right on this issue. However, last month's inflation of 1.7 per cent gave a clear signal that we are not on our way to reducing the annual inflation rate further to one digit, unless the newly elected government will take firm steps in that direction. Without implementing the necessary corrective measures, the fear still lingers that inflation could again accelerate even to the point of losing control.

These days, it seems that most of the players know quite clearly what the trend will be like after the elections. The Treasury has already signalled its intentions by a series of price rises intended to absorb part of the public's purchasing power. More price increases, such as of water, basic necessities and transport are expected after the elections. Both the Histadrut and the employers hurried to agree on a 4.5 per cent cost-of-living allowance before last Friday's Septe...ber index was published. This meant compensation for only about half of the inflation rate during the period of March-September for which it is paid. The employers, including Koor, have no money to pay real wage increases, since their profitability has been harmed due to the shekel appreciation and the deliberate delay of a long overdue devaluation. On the other hand, the trade union side of the Histadrut, at last, became aware that its enterprises are not able to pay any more than the 70 per cent compensation that was customary according to the previous cost-of-living accord. Thus, the compromise was reasonable.

But these are all only signs of what is really in store for the country's economy. After the elections, the government will probably have to cut the budget, increase prices of subsidized goods, devalue the shekel by a few per cent, and all this without compensating the workers accordingly. One should bear in mind, though, that salaried people have managed to increase their real wages during the last four years of the so-called national unity government, despite the economic stabilization programme which significantly reduced inflation.

PALESTINE POST

50 YEARS AGO

A 24-hour curfew was imposed on the Old City of Jerusalem from 7 p.m. on Sunday, and was maintained last night as it has been for some time.

...At 11 a.m. on Sunday, a bomb was thrown at a police patrol near Darag et Tabouni in the Old City. A British constable was slightly wounded.

Police going to investigate the bomb throwing were fired on and replied.

Later the body of an Arab who had been shot dead was brought to the Government Hospital and another Arab was admitted suffering from wounds. A Jewish boy was also wounded in the leg by the bomb.

On Sunday morning, British police on duty on the roof of the Museum observed an explosion in the Haram esh Sharif between the east wall of the Haram area and the platform on which the Dome of the Rock stands.

The explosion took place at such a distance from the outer wall of the Haram that the bomb could not have been thrown from outside the wall. In the explosion four Arabs were slightly injured.

***The incident is reported in detail* in order to dispel rumours which have been circulating to the effect that the bomb was thrown into the Haram from outside.**

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The proceedings of the spy trial *(in the United States)*, the announcement of which created a sensation in June last, opened today.

Mr. Lamar Hardy, prosecuting for the Government said that German spies had transmitted to Berlin the specifications of two American air-craft carriers which had been obtained by forging President Roosevelt's signature to a fictitious order to the Navy Department. The statement caused a sensation in Court.

Mr. Hardy detailed the U.S. military secrets which, he alleged, had been sent to Berlin by German spies and declared that the activities of the accused were directed from Germany with the assistance of two officials of German steamship lines resident in New York.

Mr. Hardy then mentioned the name of Rumrich who, he stated, will testify for the Government and said that a German named Sanders, said to be attached to the Naval Intelligence Service at Bremen, told Rumrich to try to "obtain information" about the operations of American commercial factories particularly those of the Dupont Company and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

He also said that Captain Pfeiffer, who had been described as the head of the German Secret Service, once boasted that he had agents in every important aeroplane factory in the United States.

The Prosecution alleged that the persons who obtained and transmitted naval and other military information were the three defendants. One was a hairdresser on an Atlantic liner, another a private in the U.S. Army, and the third a former employee in an aircraft *(factory)*. All were of German extraction.

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Writing in today's issue of "The Sunday Times," the political commentator "Scrutator" (Mr. Herbert Sidebotham) said that Great Britain, as the trustee for the conference of world Powers, should exert efforts to obtain benefits for the Jews not only in Palestine, but in every country.

Britain had failed in the most elementary duty of Government to maintain order, he went on. The restoration of order was difficult since the terrorists were equipped with an active organization under the Mufti, "who has scandalously been allowed to assist although in French territory."

The writer urged that Martial Law should be proclaimed so as to enable the military authorities to deal with the gangsters and to carry out successful operations. It was necessary to enlist a large number of Jewish volunteers, who could be obtained to the extent needed.

"Indeed, it is strange that the Palestine Government has not made more use of them," he added.

The real clash lay between the Middle Ages and the twentieth century. The success of the Jews had made ambitious egoists to covet their prosperity.

"*Scrutator*" attributed the failure of the Government mainly to the fundamental ambiguity not of the original Mandate, which contemplated a Jewish State, but in its execution.

"However strong the arguments for a Jewish National home in 1917," he added, "they are ten times stronger now since persecution hs been started in Germany and Central Europe.

"If Partition is impracticable, it had better be dropped, but the alternative must not be a return to the old wrangles over the number of Jewish immigrants.

"Provided there is no injury to the interests of the Arabs, who have in fact benefited, Palestine cannot have too many Jews of the right sort.

"No settlement in the Mediterranean is thinkable without a progressive modern state of loyal patriotic people in Palestine."

READERS' LETTERS

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Dr. Olim's recent letter in which he equated Israel's problems of health care for its citizens with the failure of socialized medicine as an institution made by blood boil.

I am living in France, under socialized medicine, and I thank God every day for this privilege – especially after having lived years in the U.S. under America's "free enterprise" medical system. France is definitely not the only nation with a blessed national care system; other modern progressive nations (Germany – Western and Eastern – Sweden, Holland, Great Britain, New Zealand and many, many others) have similar and perhaps even better programmes than the French.

The final barometer resides in longevity rates; and according to United Nations statistics, the U.S.A. rates 20th in national longevity whereas each of the abovementioned nations fare better. Of course, their health programmes in preventive and curative medicine play a major role in saving and prolonging life in their nations, where doctors are formed in tuition-free universities. What a contrast with the greedy businessman American doctor, who paid $100,000 for his diploma, and who wants to get several million dollars back for his investment.

Why is health care not functioning well in Israel? May the Israelis forgive my *hutzpa* in attempting to make a diagnosis without living there. Yet my guess is simply that Israel no longer is spiritually prepared for the national health care system it created and enjoyed in the early socialist days of its founding fathers, namely, the idealistic olim from Russia who founded the kibbutzim and the Kupat Holim health care programme for all free of charge. Israel has swung practically completely from its visionary idealism of the early prophets to the "dog-eat-dog" capitalist mentality of its American mentors. It would therefore appear quite natural that their idealistic health-care system would, too, seek to emulate the American way of life. Hence, the moral chaos in present-day Israel – perhaps.

DR. CHARLES STARR

Nice, France.

THE TORTENS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Joe Franklin's article of October 5 defending the Torten brothers, sent home from Seoul for sailing on Yom Kippur, implies they were punished for infringing "a mythical national standard of religious observance." Despite clear cases of religious coercion, not to mention his own bigoted secularism, Franklin should note that this standard is far from mythical and that the majority of the Israeli public have no wish for a society devoid of traditional practice.

Each private citizen has the right to observe Yom Kippur, Shabbat or any other aspect of the Jewish religion as he or she sees fit. National bodies and those acting on their behalf, such as Dan and Ran Torten, should, however, bear in mind the sentiments of the public at large. And as your own editorial remarked, these sentiments were deeply offended by the Tortens' sailing on Yom Kippur.

GORDON SHIFMAN

Kiryat Ono.

HAZARDOUS TRIPS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Last week one of my neighbours declined a ride to Netanya...she was "afraid of *polio*." The same neighbour toured Egypt last year, and plans to visit Los Angeles in the fall.

Between 1975 and 1984, Egypt reported 13,599 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis to the World Health Organization! Our current "outbreak" may amount to as many as 10 cases. When corrected for population size, Egypt offers 10 to 100 times more polio than Israel.

In 1986, 630 Egyptians developed diphtheria, 9,995 tetanus and 1,133 tuberculosis. The previous year, 851 cases of typhoid and 3,396 cases of meningococcemia (the fatal form of epidemic meningitis) were reported. Liver fluke and cholera are extremely widespread in Egypt. There are periodic epidemics of rift valley fever – a viral illness which often results in permanent blindness.

In a given year, America experiences (number of cases in parentheses): botulism (70 to 120), leprosy (200-300), bubonic plague (10 to 40), syphilis (25,000-30,000), tuberculosis (20,000-25,000), diphtheria (50-120) and cholera (20-30). One out of every 170 Americans carries the Aids virus.

Americans travelling to Egypt are not advised to receive polio vaccine. Israel, as usual, is singled out for precautions; and *Israelis who wish to visit Egypt* must provide proof of vaccination status!?!?

My best advice to my neighbour is to visit Netanya often, and avoid hazardous trips into the jungles of Cairo and Los Angeles.

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THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE SWEDES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In my 33 years' experience as a journalist, I cannot recall having read a more irresponsible article than the one by Daniel Ben-Yaakov about the assassination of three Swedes – Bernadotte, Hammarskjöld and Palme (October 4). Most of it involves quotes from more or less obscure sources and some of it obviously represents Ben-Yaakov's own thinking.

Three prominent Swedes were murdered – agreed. They all tried to work for peace. That was their biggest mistake.

Ben-Yaakov seems to think that it was right to murder Folke Bernadotte. The person heading the organization that murdered him recently said he had lost interest in the case. Well, the Swedish people have not.

Hammarskjöld was, according to Ben-Yaakov, murdered by the Russians. Maybe, but Ben-Yaakov knows for sure.

When it comes to Palme, Ben-Yaakov discovers he was a Russian spy. According to the article, Palme sent away his bodyguard, obviously in the hope of being murdered! According to Ben-Yaakov, he was given an honourable way out!

And then comes the moral note: "The time has surely come for the Swedes to cease their bizarre hostility against Israel." Would that have saved the life of Prime Minister Olof Palme? Was the third like the first of those prominent Swedes murdered by Israelis? Is that the suggestion?

ROLF SÖDERBERG

Swedish TV 1

Jerusalem (Stockholm).

GREER FAY CASHMAN reports from Moscow

'Long on ideology, short on sausage'

THE MOST frequently repeated words in the USSR these days is perestroika. It pops up not only in political discussions and daily news reports, but in Russian pop songs and cabaret satire. But if some Soviet citizens are getting somewhat tired of answering questions about glasnost and perestroika, that is all that western vistors to the USSR seem to be talking about.

In terms of economic development, perestroika still has a long way to go. But in other respects there is already evidence that Mikhail Gorbachev's accelerated reform policy has begun to take hold. Certainly there is much greater freedom of expression, but there are Russians who think that this particular liberty is being abused.

"People write a lot of stupidities in the newspapers," observed Svetlana, an outspoken Intourist employee, implying that glasnost is opening a Pandora's Box of ideas.

"We are long on ideology and short on sausage," comments another Intourist employee, adding that there have been many social changes since the beginning of perestroika since 1985, but economic change has been very slow.

FOR THEIR part, Soviet Jews have mixed feelings about the gathering momentum of the new system. Although there has been less tension and harassment, and greater freedom to engage in Jewish cultural pursuits, there is still some trepidation concerning the future.

There are no longer any Prisoners of Zion, but there is no guarantee *that the respite will continue* indefinitely.

Elderly worshippers at Moscow's Great Synagogue, some of whom were small children during the October Revolution of 1917, last Shabbat told this reporter that after Stalin the situation couldn't get any worse, it could only get better. Under Gorbachev, they said, circumstances were far more favourable for Jews than under any of his predecessors.

A young man, due to make aliya next week, was not so sure. The Soviet Foreign Ministry has announced that it will no longer insist on invitations from abroad for Soviet Jews desiring exit visas, but so far *there was no evidence to suggest* that such a policy has been put into practice. The young man was at the synagogue bidding farewell to friends who were still waiting for visas.

The services were also attended by Israeli consular officials Zvi Magen and Shlomo Hartuv.

Shabbat and holiday services are attended by at least one member of the consular delegation, Hartuv said, as he was swamped by a group of old and young Jews outside the synagogue. The fact that such contact takes place in public is yet another proof that the winds of change are blowing in the Soviet Union.

However, there are still those who doubt that the winds carry good tidings. Bogged down by old fears, they remain in the shadows.

SOME PEOPLE are afraid of perestroika, said Arye Gorodetsky, chairman of the new Hebrew Teachers Association. "They don't really understand what is happening and there is a general feeling that things can revert at any minute."

Michael Tchlenov, head of a Jewish cultural association, confirms that pressures on Jews have been relaxed, but observed that this has not served to eliminate the ingrained fear on the part of many *Jews of identifying with Jewish* culture and religion, or to associate in any way with those who are active in Jewish affairs.

The activists themselves put on a show of bravado. Gorodetsky arrives at his meeting with this reporter wearing a Galei Zahal T-shirt.

Tchlenov, an anthropologist by profession, also works as an interpreter. He attached himself to a group of nine Israeli journalists attending the annual conference of the World Federation of Travel Writers and Journalists. He was not the least bit perturbed by the fact that the Israelis, furiously scribbling as he *talked, clustered around him to ply* him with questions. He made no suggestion to move to a more private place.

Speaking in flawless Hebrew, which he mastered 17 years ago, Tchlenov talked about Jewish cultural life in the USSR, and made it clear that although he is interested in visiting Israel, he has no aspirations to aliya.

Neither he nor Gorodetsky have applied for visas, though in Tchlenov's case it became apparent under close questioning that Israeli bureaucracy, about which he has heard many complaints, and other absorption problems, were not the main deterrents to a desire to settle in Israel.

Although Tchlenov is registered as Jewish on his identity card, his father was Jewish but his mother was not. They were divorced when Tchlenov was a year old and he was raised by his paternal grandfather. His wife is not Jewish, but Hannah, the eldest of his three children, is a *Hebrew teacher and is* married to a Jew.

An open letter to American Jewry on the plight of Ethiopia's Jews

'The silence is criminal'

DAILY, we receive letters which cry out with pain and sorrow. The letters speak of death and famine. Our relatives plead with us to bring them to Jerusalem.

Yet you remain silent.

The letters speak of women who are alone, children who are starving, and villages which are vanishing.

Yet for over four years our families have been abandoned by silence, and condemned to slowly disappear through death and deprivation. Once again, the crime of silence which was perpetrated during the Holocaust is being repeated. The Jewish community which has been inflicted with this silence is Ethiopian Jewry.

In our efforts to reunite our families we approached the leadership of American Jewry. Our plea was to take a more public stance on behalf of our families. During the September meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), in New York, the issue of Ethiopian Jewry was discussed. However, a session chaired by a member of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) chose to quash any attempts to create any public activity on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry.

We ask why?

Ironically, this silence is justified by the desire not to repeat the same mistake that halted Operation Moses. Therefore Jewish leadership has determined to maintain complete confidentiality in all aspects regarding Ethiopian Jewry. The problem with this logic is that it is backwards. Operation Moses was halted solely because irresponsible leaders leaked details of a secret rescue operation.

This outdated logic is condemning Ethiopian Jewry for a second time. It is irrational to equate the publicizing of a secret rescue operation with the creation of a public campaign promoting the humanitarian right of family reunification.

AS LEADERS of the Ethiopian community in Israel, we implore American Jewry to create a public

(Frederic Brenner)

campaign. This campaign will only stress the humanitarian right of family reunification for Ethiopian Jewry. It is not designed to criticize Israel. And, the campaign is also not intended to release any sensitive information. Unfortunately our appeal has fallen on deaf ears.

This situation can be rectified. We believe the leaders of the Jewish Agency, its board of governors, can change the current policy impasse. Let us do away with the closed-door, confidential briefings. Let us not rely solely on quiet diplomacy or on the Joint Distribution Committee's non-sectarian aid in Ethiopia. The new leaders of the Jewish Agency, led by Simcha Dinitz and Mendel Kaplan, have shown a readiness to change in many fields. We urge you to take upon yourselves the responsibility for creating a public campaign for the reunification of Ethiopian Jewry.

Positive lessons must be learned from the campaign for Soviet Jewry. The unique intertwining of quiet diplomacy and public advocacy has proven very effective. The government of Ethiopia must be made publicly aware of Ethiopian Jewry's humanitarian right to family reunification. Diplomatic efforts will only be enhanced if the Ethiopian government realizes that the state of Israel and Diaspora Jewry fully support a public campaign on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry.

Ask yourselves a simple question. Do you know where your children or spouses are at this very moment? Are they safe? Are you sure? If for just one moment you twinged and thought about calling them, think about us. For over four years we have anguished over the guilt of leaving family behind in Ethiopia. If your family member was in danger, you would do everything possible to rescue him or her. Do you expect less from us? Therefore, a public campaign is essential at this very moment.

Our appeal now is not for money, but for partnership in completing the reunification of our families. The leaders of American Jewry constantly states their support for the reunification of Ethiopian Jewry. However, lip service is no longer acceptable.

A confidential memo, distributed in the Washington, D.C. area to rabbis and community leaders by the United Jewish Appeal/Federation and the Jewish Community Council, clearly stated that "discussion and advocacy (for Ethiopian Jewry) must have a low to zero profile." This statement illustrates the national policy of the CJF and NJCRAC.

Is this not irresponsible leadership? This analysis of the current situation regarding Ethiopian Jewry is based on the situation that existed in the late 1970's and early 1980's, and not with the reality of 1988. A public campaign is still equated with "Israel bashing." The reality is exactly the opposite. We are creating a public campaign that is focused solely on the humanitarian right of the reunification of our families.

DURING THE recent CJF meetings, the issue debated was not the merits of a full-scale public campaign. No demonstrations were debated. No vigils or lecture tours were discussed. Not even the issue of protesting outside the Ethiopian Embassy. No, these were not the controversial items debated. The debate centred on whether to support an international petition on behalf of family reunification. The petition reads as follows:

"We the undersigned...from all walks of life appeal to the government of Ethiopia to express our shock and deep concern about Ethiopian Jews who are denied their rights to join their children, fathers, and mothers living in other countries.

"Ethiopia, as a co-signatory of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, is obliged to abide by its clause permitting and assisting the unification of families separated by migration – a principal accepted and respected by all civilized governments and members of the international community of nations.

"We implore the government of Ethiopia to heed the biblical supplication:

'Let My People Go.'"

This petition was drafted with the assistance of ambassador Hanan Aynor, who served for many years as a diplomat in Africa and was Israel's last envoy to Ethiopia. This petition was rejected by American Jewish organizations, because they felt "it would arouse a negative response in the Ethiopian leadership." (*The Jerusalem Post*, "U.S. Jewish groups oppose Ethiopian Jews campaign," September 16, 1988).

Did Diaspora Jewry ask the Soviet Union every time it organized a march or a petition campaign on behalf of Natan Sharansky or Ida Nudel? Were they concerned with Soviet sensitivities? The answers are obviously no. The most basic act of heightening awareness, signing a petition, was rejected. Have these Jewish leaders no moral conscience?

In the early 1960's the Jewish establishment tried to prevent a public *campaign to promote the aliya of* Soviet Jewry. Is history repeating itself?

A basic humanitarian right is being denied Ethiopian Jewry. Our families are divided! This act of forced separation must be rectified immediately. More than 15,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia. How long can you remain silent?

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur has told us many times that Ethiopian Jewry has a legitimate right and obligation to demonstrate and speak out on behalf of our families. Do Israelis and Diaspora Jewry have any less right or obligation?

The board of governors of the Jewish Agency can make a major difference. A clear policy mandate must be given to support an international public campaign on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry. However, as a first step, approving the petition and mandating Uri Gordon, head of the Aliyah Department, to actively distribute it, will be a very positive change. This will send a clear message to Diaspora Jewish organizations and volunteer groups in Israel that the time has come to speak out on the humanitarian right of family reunification for Ethiopian Jewry.

This is the type of creativity and boldness which is needed in 1988 in order to save Ethiopian Jewry. The current thought process which exists within Diaspora Jewish leadership will doom our families to exile and death. As a community, we are united on this stand. Now let us work together as partners. Let us be proud of our efforts, public and quiet, which will enable Ethiopian Jewry to achieve its long lost dream of returning to Zion.

Shlomo Mula, Chairman
Ethiopian Jewish Students Association

Rachamim Elazar, chairman
National Council for Ethiopian Jews in Israel

Uri Tekele, chairman
Beta Israel Association

Yisrael Yitzhak, chairman
Association of Ethiopian Immigrants

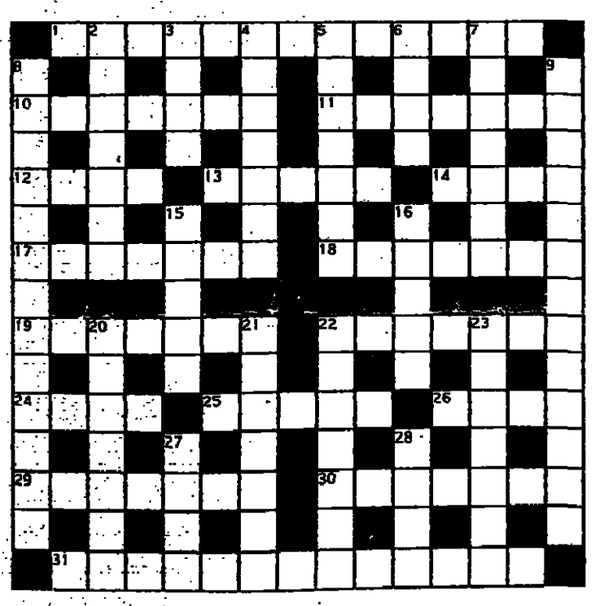
Crossword

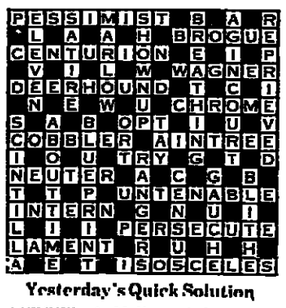
ACROSS

1 A woman can expect some improvement in the personal service here (6,7)
10 Oriental models present (7)
11 The man pressing a claim as a *former player* (7)
12 Look both ways (4)
13 A Greek character's all mouth! (5)
14 "A living dog is better than a dead ..." Ecclesiastes (4)
17 Not reaching any conclusion (7)
18 Favour getting trees to set out (7)
19 Plans of the French receiving Mark! (7)
22 He's wary where giving credit is concerned (7)
24 Struggle with Welsh capital survey (4)
25 To exclude a trainee is commonplace (5)
26 The cat would upset saints (1)
29 The individual accepting the truth about a certain leaning (7)
30 Original one one in Latin maybe (7)
31 They attend to witness the constitution of a union (7-6)

DOWN

2 Send tea for distribution around Docklands (4,3)
3 Employed in a private house doing the cleaning (1)
4 Americans ask for no backing (7)
5 He'll support a superior (7)
6 Grassland parking will be available in spring (4)
7 How a continental twit's made to unwind (7)
8 People getting down to work in the main (4-3,6)
9 Rent ducal seat for use in the duke's place (7,6)
15 A large piece of the Western border (5)
16 Article about a woman, not in the least colourful (5)
20 Interview an attendant when there's some leak (7)
21 A tough guy to fight and beat (7)
22 Making great efforts to get pound in discount (7)
23 A person travelling to an old city and its ruins (7)
27 A fellow in distress has to turn in (4)
28 Enjoy a match (4)





Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Mellow, 4 Drama, 8 Miami, 9 Riviera, 10 Sternum, 11 Idle, 12 Beg, 14 Asin, 15 Item, 18 Lid, 21 Edge, 23 Elastic, 25 Perturb, 26 Therm, 27 Dress, 28 Screen. DOWN: 1 Mimosa, 2 Leaders, 3 Oriental, 4 Dove, 5 Amend, 6 Alaites, 7 Crumb, 13 Gigantic, 16 Extreme, 17 Helped, 19 Decks, 20 Acumen, 22 Goose, 24 Fuss

The fading Jews of Greece

Joseph Hoffman and Helen Kaye

A PHOTOGRAPHIC exhibition of the Jewish community in Greece, called *Scattered Lights*, opened last week at Tel Aviv's Diaspora Museum. The work of Joshua Plaut, Reform rabbi and photo-ethnographer, the photographs chronicle the remnants of a once-vital community which was virtually wiped out in the Holocaust.

They are arranged into groups which include Holocaust memorials, Jewish quarters, traditional occupations and portraits of current leaders.

The photographs of the Jewish quarters *(Evraiki)* in Corfu and Veroia reveal empty, delapidated and locked synagogues, with dangling roof tiles, neglected graveyards and abandoned commercial centres. Especially poignant is the photo of the empty shell of Komatini's 17th-century synagogue.

In small rural towns, like Kastoria, Larissa and Ioannina, sons follow fathers in occupations such as tinsmithing, metalwork and hatmaking. The communities which still exist, like Athens and Salonika, continue to produce active leaders, although most must travel abroad to learn the rudiments of their faith.

"While the property still remains in Jewish hands," said Plaut, "there are fewer and fewer people with the know-how to revitalize the community. For example, in Trikala, when the *shammes* moved away, there was a big debate as to whether or not it was worthwhile to keep the synagogue open.

"In other cases, rabbis pass away, and there is no one left to read the Tora. There is an extremely limited life span to a Tora-less synagogue service," he continued.

THE EXHIBITION opening was attended by many Greek Jews now residing in Israel, each of whom had a story to tell. One couple, Rachel and Aaron Mano from Salonika, explained that they became engaged a year before the outbreak of World War II. Aaron Mano points to the map of Greece and remembers vividly the day his life changed forever.

"Everybody expected the Germans to come by Thessaly, but they surprised us, coming from the Macedonian plains – on bicycles! Imagine 50,000 German soldiers cycling into your country!"

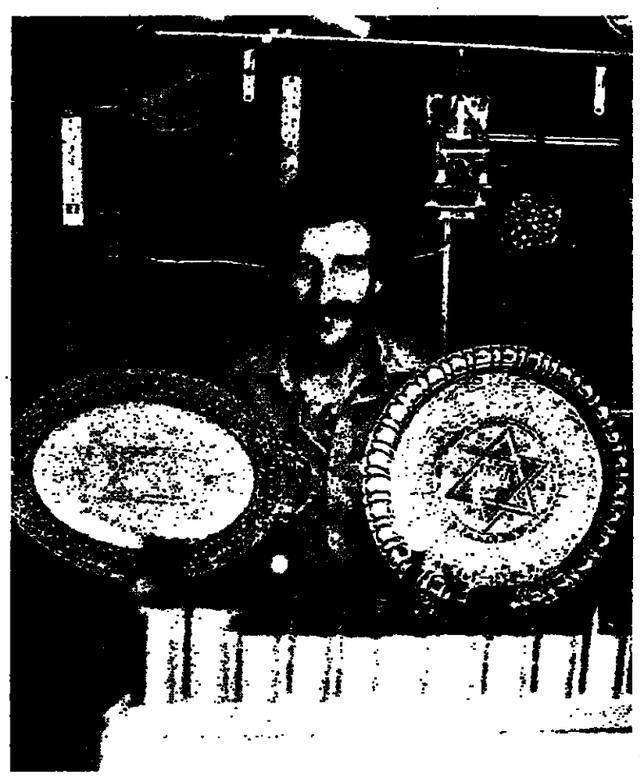
Aaron Mano was deported from Salonika to Auschwitz in March 1943 on the first transport. Rachel managed to avoid deportation until 1944. Incredibly, they met through the wires and fences. Their reunion was brief, since the advancing Russian army separated them again. Rachel survived the terrible death march to Bergen Belsen. Mano was transferred from camp to camp and eventually freed at Ebbensee close to the Austrian border.

Aaron smuggled himself into Palestine from Italy in June 1946. Rachel, returning to Greece to look for him, discovered that he was here. They were married in Israel that September. They have never been back to Greece. "What for?" asks Mano, and says softly "Everyone I knew is gone."

"Scattered lights" such as these form the backbone of Plaut's exhibit. His photographs are unpretentious and moving, the result of a sensitive and inquisitive eye which, without prying, conveys the sorrow of an ancient Jewish civilization that is on the verge of extinction.

Joshua Plaut began his research in 1977 as a college student on a one-year study programme in Athens. In addition to the photographs, he compiled an oral history of Greece's surviving Jewish community which eventually became the basis of his rabbinic thesis.

He continues to be active in both religious leadership and ethnography. He is presently the rabbi of Congregation Kol Haverim in Glastonbury, Connecticut; and is at work on photo-documentaries of the Jewish communities in Turkey, New Zealand and China. His recently-completed *Fading Glory: Vestiges of Small-Town Life in the American South*, will open shortly in Dallas.



Top: The remains of a seventeenth century synagogue in Thrace. Above: A Jewish silversmith in Epirus. (Joshua Plaut)

Commemorating the night of the broken glass

NOVEMBER 9-10, 1988 will mark the 50th anniversary of what was the beginning of the end of European Jewry. That night and the following morning throughout Germany and Austria, hundreds of synagogues were set on fire and Jews were beaten up, abused, arrested and murdered. The date became known as "Kristallnacht," Night of the Broken Glass.

West Germany's Bundestag will hold a special session on November 10 to mark the 50th anniversary of the event, and a commemorative postage stamp with a special cancellation will be issued this Thursday.

The stamp issue is remarkable because it avoids a euphemistic treatment of the event. The cancellation bears the inscription: "Pogrom of 9 November 1938." As stated in the release announcing the stamp, "The pogrom of November 1938 marked the beginning of events leading to the liquidation of Jewry in Europe."

Austrian Jewry suffered the same fate on Kristallnacht, which occurred about seven months after Austria had allowed itself to be annexed to Germany.

STAMPS
Harvey Wolinetz

Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels orchestrated the anti-Jewish hysteria under the guise of a spontaneous uprising of the general population against the Jewish community. When no real opposition was forthcoming from world governments, the pogrom continued on its inevitable course towards the Holocaust.

The 80 Pf West German stamp depicts flames shooting from the Baden-Baden synagogue, and is based on a photograph taken as the synagogue burned. In addition to the picture, the stamp carries the date "9 November 1938-1988," a Magen David and the inscription "Das Geheimnis Der Erlosung heist Erinnerung" (Remembering is the secret of Redemption).

East Germany commemorated the 25th anniversary of this event in 1963 with a single stamp, which also showed a synagogue in flames and carried the inscription "Niemals Wieder" (Never Again) and the word "Kristallnacht." The East German parliament is to hold a special session to mark the 50th anniversary.

Israel marked the 40th anniversary with a special postal cancellation, which included a Magen David with the word "Zachor" (Remember) in the centre.

The common theme of these philatelic commemorations is to remember, so that such an outrage will never happen again.

The Jewish World is edited by Charles Hoffman.

Charitable comedy

Andy Goldberg

THE COUNTRY'S top comedy trio, Hagashash Hahiver announced yesterday that all the proceeds from their next concert tour will be donated to hospitals around the country.

Their last concert tour, entitled Festival Number 2, was a wild success, packing out halls nationwide. And if the coming tour – called, you guessed it, Festival Number 3 – bears any similarities, the hospitals will benefit to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Hagashash Hahiver, made up of Shaike, Poli and Gavri, have been a favourite with fans for over 25 years. During that period they have more or less taken on the status of Israel's national comedians.

Shaike told a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday that the idea for some sort of charity tour came up during one of their many taxi trips to concerts around the country; it didn't take long for the trio to decide what form it should take.

The Gashashim, as they are popularly known, are not only donating the proceeds of the tour; they have also undertaken to cover all the expenses from their own pocket. Cynics will no doubt say that all this altruism is little more than a public relations exercise, but the trio thinks otherwise. "Does it look like we need free publicity that badly;" they said, adding that they hoped their example would be followed by other artists who would donate their time, while businessmen would donate their money.

So far six dates have been booked, starting on November 11 at Kfar Sava, where the proceeds will go towards the town's Meir hospital. None of the money donated will be used to cover the hospitals' running costs. All the hospitals involved have already designated the proceeds to be used for the purchase of sorely needed equipment.

Tickets will not be available through the usual agencies, but are being sold through the voluntary organizations connected with the hospitals. Prices will also be higher than average. "It's charity, and for a good cause too," said Gavri. "The audience should also do their bit."

Cannon joins boycott

HOLLYWOOD
Tom Tugend

CANNON FILMS, long the leading producer and distributor of films shot in South Africa, announced this week that it will cut its ties with that nation "until apartheid is dismantled and a free democratic government is established." The pullback spared Cannon the embarrassment of being named in the UN Registry, which lists performers and studios that violate the UN boycott of South Africa.

Meanwhile, Menahem Golan, the head of Cannon Films, is busy shooting the Bertoldt Brecht-Kurt Weill classic *Threepenny Opera* in Budapest. The streamlined version of the original was to be filmed in Israel, but for economic reasons Golan switched to the Hungarian capital, with London as the next and final stop. Raul Julia will portray MacHeath, joined by Richard Harris and Julie Walters, as Mr. and Mrs. Peachum. Julia Migenes is Jenny.

NOW PREMIERING is *Another Woman*, written and directed by Woody Allen. It is one of Allen's "serious" movies, à la *Interiors* and *September*, and the critics are less than enchanted. One writes that "in some strange way, *Another Woman* feels translated, and not from a language where wit and lightness are cherished. It has the stilted rhythms, not of Ingmar Bergman's Swedish, but of Bergman's subtitles."

Woody's devotees can look forward to a more sprightly comedy next year. Written, directed and starring the master, it will also star Martin Belsam and Mia Farrow.

MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV will make his dramatic stage debut on Broadway in March – as a cockroach. The dancer and director of the American Ballet Theatre will star in Franz Kafka's existential drama *Metamorphosis*, in which a man wakes up one morning and finds that he has been transformed into a giant insect. Apparently the role attracts off-beat casting. It was performed earlier this year in Paris with film director Roman Polanski in the lead.

A CERTIFICATE authenticating Marilyn Monroe's conversion to Judaism will be among the actress's personal belongings to be auctioned off at the Swan Galleries in New York on October 25. It is likely to fetch a handsome price, for the market for Hollywood memorabilia has never been hotter.

Christie's East in New York recently sold a pair of ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in *The Wizard of Oz* for $165,000. In 1981, the same pair of shoes, one of seven used in the film, brought just $13,200.

PRODUCER LINDA YELLEN, who in the past caught a lot of flak from the Jewish community for starring Vanessa Redgrave in the concentration camp film *Playing for Time*, is now working on *Search for Nazi Treasures*. The two-hour television special, to be released next spring, focuses on the worldwide search for former high-ranking Nazis and the money they smuggled out of Germany during and after Hitler's reign. The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is serving as consultant to the producer.

AFTER LENGTHY bureaucratic battles, Nastassia Kinski can now call herself a Swiss resident, after the Canton of Fribourg granted her a work and residence permit. She is now settling in with her husband, Egyptian film producer Ibrahim Moussa, and their two children. In tribute to her newly-adopted country, Kinski's production company, Leila Films, plans to do a movie about the life of Jean-Henri Dunant, the Swiss founder of the Red Cross.

She says modestly that the movie will be comparable to Gandhi and should be wrapped up in time for the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation in 1991.

Romanian rhapsody

Helen Kaye

CONSTANTIN TANESSE was the foremost actor of the Romanian stage. In 1947, the government named a theatre after him in Bucharest. Now the Tanesse Theatre of Bucharest has come to Israel with a 40-member cast of singers, actors, dancers, mimes, comedians and even a motor-cycle act in a show called *Savoy Savoy*. If this sounds like the old-fashioned music-hall spectacular, that's exactly what it is – except that the Romanians call it a revue.

The revue tradition in Romania is more than 100 years old, but there is nothing fusty in this show which features Romania's top entertainers. Many are wellknown to the more than 400,000 Israelis of Romanian origin, such as the comedian Arshinel, the singer Stella Popescu and Pan-pipe virtuoso Radu Simion.

These performers have visited Israel individually, but this is the first time that Tanesse has come to Israel as an ensemble. This visit was privately organized, but can be seen as an augury of aspects of the terms of the bilateral cultural exchange programme signed with the Romanian government in February.

Back home in Bucharest, the theatre employs 200 people and performs in two halls, the Savoy and the Victoria.

Tanesse actors are required to be a 'triple threat,' (theatre slang for singers/actors/dancers). "They are all theatre and drama school graduates," said Popescu, who explains what a Romanian revue is all about. "It is not just light entertainment," she insists, "but we use the revue to comment on the foibles and failings of society with laughter and with satire. Our comedy has profound social importance."

Arshinel adds that Romanian jokes are not usually one-liners, but a whole sketch – because "our jokes are not intended just for laughter, but as social therapy."

Romanian youngsters go for Whitney Houston, Madonna and Michael Jackson, too, says Tanesse's youngest star, 18-year-old rock singer Loredana Groza, who's wearing a scarlet mini; and then gestures at handsome Adrian Daminescu: "They like him, too," she says.

Impresario Rafi Shahar who brought the theatre here has already had to add three more performances to the six scheduled, so the Israeli public must like Tanesse too.

Operatic debut

WHEN EGYPT'S first opera house opened almost 120 years ago, its first production was Verdi's *Aida*, composed for the event.

A mysterious fire destroyed the magnificent structure in 1971, leaving the central Cairo site vacant for a decade. Then in 1983, a new Japanese ambassador arrived in Cairo. He befriended the conductor of the Egyptian national symphony orchestra, Yussuf as-Sissi, who convinced him of the need for a new opera house and symphony hall.

Subsequently, the Japanese government announced that it would finance a new opera house to the tune of $60m. as a gift to the Egyptian people. The project took five years to complete and last week President Hosni Mubarak inaugurated the imposing edifice, with the Japanese ambassador at his side. It was an impressive ceremony, highlighted by mounted troops carrying torches and waving their swords. The opening night's programme included a traditional Japanese kabuki dance group, and some modern Egyptian symphonic compositions.

Ya'acov Lamdan

Edward James Olmos plays Jaime Escalante, right, in 'Stand and Deliver.'

Class warfare

PREVIEW
Calev Ben-David

LOS ANGELES high school school teacher Jaime Escalante achieved such incredible success with his underprivileged students, that the educational authorities couldn't believe it – literally. Escalante's students were accused of cheating after scoring surprisingly high marks on a national calculus exam, and their struggle to prove their innocence is depicted in *Stand and Deliver*, opening Friday.

In 1982, Escalante began teaching computer science at Garfield High, an inner-city school with no computers, a poverty-stricken, largely Hispanic student body, and an overwhelming drop-out rate.

Using unorthodox teaching methods, Escalante inspired his students to excel. Eighteen of them succeeded in passing an extremely difficult advanced calculus exam, but their scores were so similiar that they were accused of cheating. After arguing to no avail that the scores were the result of his teaching methods, Escalante and his students agreed to accept the challenge of retaking the test.

A subsequent article in *The Los Angeles Times* about Escalante's class attracted the attention of film director Ramon Menendez and producer Tom Musca. "The idea of being truly innocent and having to prove it seemed like an intriguing premise," says Musca. "There was enormous probability that the students' scores would never have been questioned had they not all come from Garfield High with Spanish surnames. There was the distinct possibility of institutional racism."

Stand and Deliver features Edward James Olmos, who stars in *Miami Vice* and has acted in such films as *Blade Runner* and *Zoot Suit*, as Jaime Escalante. Co-starring as one of his troubled students is *La Bamba* star Lou Diamond Phillips. Also appearing is Andy Garcia from *The Untouchables*.

Escalante worked with Olmos extensively, to prepare the actor for his role. According to director Menedez, "Escalante wasn't particularly blown away with the idea of a movie about his life and his commitment to kids and teaching them. What convinced him was my argument that if even one kid in any city across the country was turned around by what we put on the screen, then we were essentially working towards the same goal."

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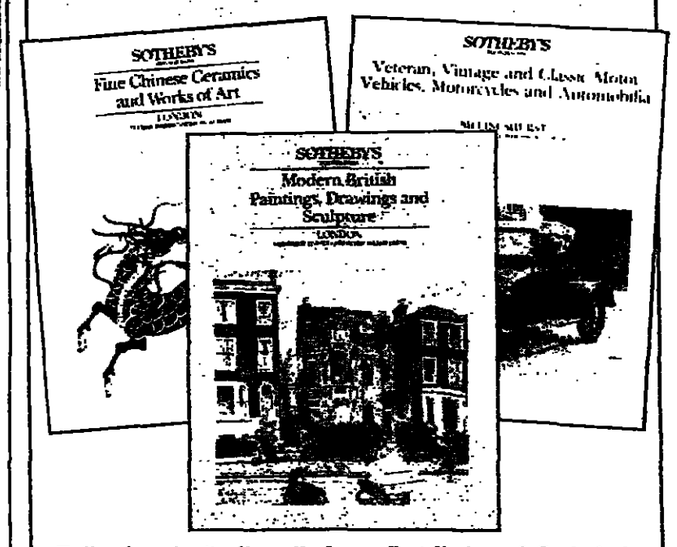

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ISRAEL TV
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HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
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20.00 News in Arabic
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22.00 News in English
22.20 Hunter
23.10 The Andrew Lloyd Weber Story

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12.00 Another Life
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21.00 Black Forest Clinic
22.00 700 Club
22.30 Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC
6.01 Morning Music **7.09** Corelli: Concerto Grosso in G Minor Op.6, No.8 (Stokowski/Kipnis); Fricker: Horn & piano sonata Op. 24; J.S.Bach: Symphony from "Christmas Oratorio" (Stokowski); Blacher: Orchestral Fantasy (Louisville/Whitney); Vivaldi: Concerto for 2 guitars; Pnopnik: Rhapsody for Orch.; Stravinsky: Suite on Themes by Pergolesi (Eng.Orch/Dutois) **9.00** Works by Ravel **10.00** Morning Concert – Smetana: Festive Symphony; Dvorak: Violin Concerto in A Minor Op. 53 (Perlman/Mehta/Is.Phil); Janacek: "Glagolitic Mass"; Suk: Serenade for percussion instr. Op.6; Martinu: Symphony No. 1 (Czech/Neuman) **13.00** Classical Music **14.06** Artists in the Studio – Ya'acov Shilo, piano: Bach: Prelude & Fugue in G Minor; Rochberg: 4 short sonatas; Bloch: Sonata; Mozart: Quartet in D Major K.285 (Is.Flute Quartet) **15.00** Telemann & Carissimi: Renaissance & Baroque music **16.00** Chamber Concert: Organ music by Bach (Roloff); **17.30** "Emphasis on Performance" (no details available); **18.30** Vocal Concert – Janet Baker **20.05** Monteverdi: "Arianne's Lament"; Gesualdo; 3 instrumental selections **20.30** J.S.Orch. – soloists: Sharona Tel-Oren, flute; Martin Jellin, harp, cond. Commissiona: Schumann: Symphony No. 1, Op. 38 "Spring"; Mozart: Flute & Harp Concerto, K.299; Tchaikovsky: "Manfred" Symphony Op. 58 **23.00** Nocturne

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TEL AVIV
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NETANYA
ESTHER 5, 7:15, 9:30 Presidio **STUDIO NETANYA** 5, 7:15, 9:30 Good Morning Vietnam

HOLON
ARMON HAMEHUDASH 5 Mon Petit (for pensioners)◇7:30, 9:30 Babette's Feast **MIGDAL** 7:30, 9:30 Nico **SAVOY** 5, 7:15, 9:30 Masquerade

BAT YAM
ATZMAUT 5, 7:15, 9:30 Masquerade

GIVATAYIM
HADAR 5, 7:15, 9:30 Presidio

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1 5, 7:15, 9:40 Frantic **G.G. HECHAL 2** 5, 7:15, 9:40 Coming to America **G.G. HECHAL 3** 5, 7:15, 9:40 Le Grand Chemin

RAMAT HASHARON
KOCHAV 7:15 Rambo III◇9:15 The Last Emperor

HERZLIYA
DAN ACCADIA CINEMA CLUB 7, 9:30 Biloxi Blues **DANIEL HOTEL (The Auditorium)** 7, 9:30 C'erevamo Tanti Amati **DAVID** 5, 7:15, 9:30 Coming to Americ **HECHAL** 7:15, 9:30 Masquerade **NEW TIFERET** 7:15, 9:15 Frantic

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KIRYAT GAT
MATNAS 8:30 Le Grand Chemin

AFULA
MOFTERON 9 Princess Bride

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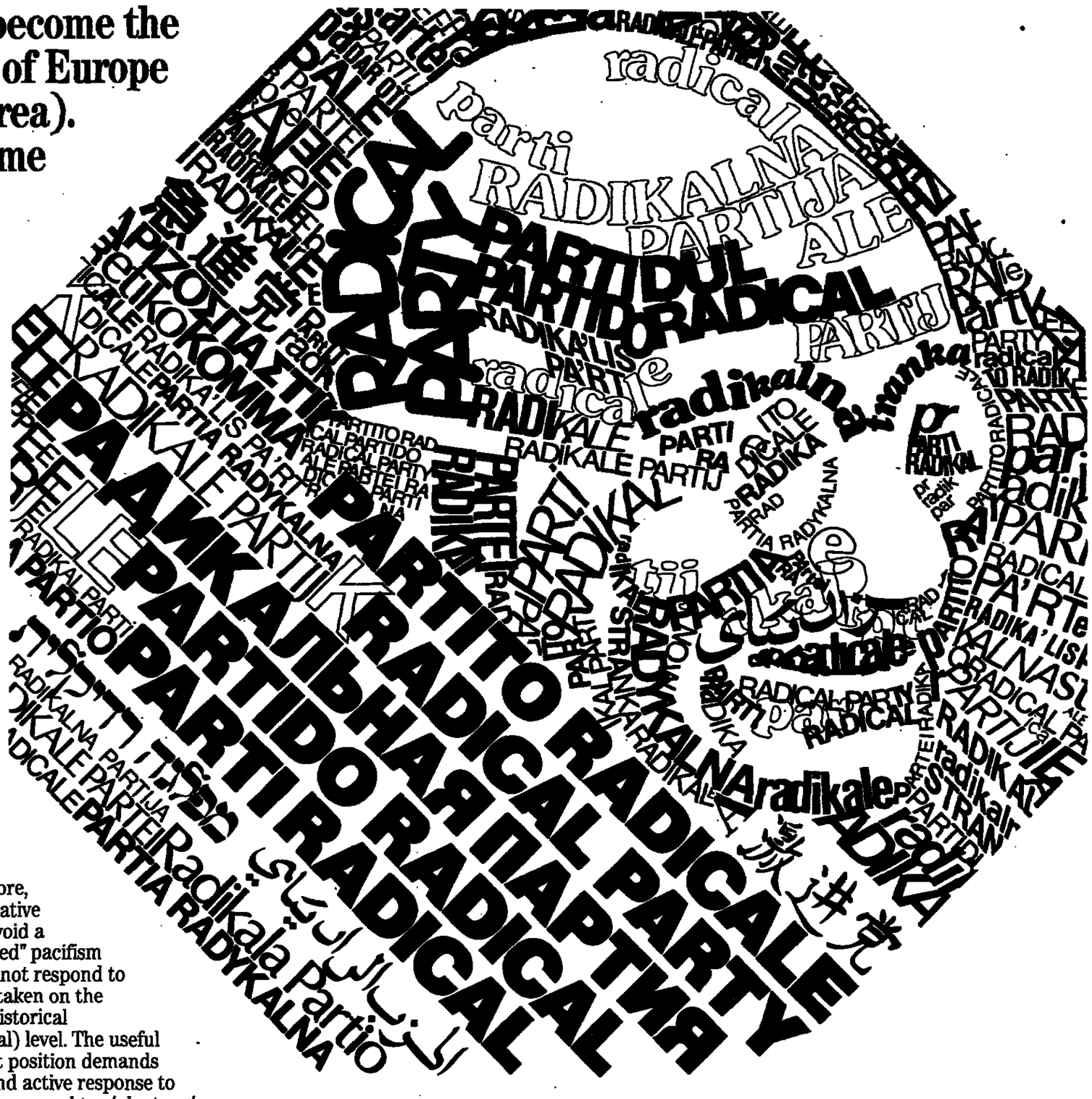

Israel's defense and security, integrated with defense policies the United States of Europe could adopt and are currently adopting, could be shared by three hundred million people. Peace for Israel could be negotiated in this context — exclusively within this context — providing a strategy for the withdrawal of her occupying forces. Any other solution would be misleading, and worse, precarious.

At the dawn of a new century, it is senseless to fight to build and/or to defend a national state, especially a small national state. Not only is this politically and idealistically mistaken, it is strategically impossible. Germany, France, Great Britain, and Italy have experienced the error of such illusions. Israel, and those fighting for a Palestinian State, must understand this error.

Nevertheless, all political parties — and the whole world — seem transfixed on this misunderstanding. They are caught in a tragedy with no way out. Experience shows that practically anywhere in the world — in Africa, South America, the Middle East, the Far East — struggles for so-called "national liberation" have turned into catastrophic and dictatorial regimes. Liberation and independence — the concept of "non-alignment" — are illusions founded on a lie. How can there be independence, freedom, liberty for a small, new country with a limited market potential when it must categorically subsist by depending on other states? This is not freedom.

The democratic process, where it is championed in these nations, sustains no effective link with decision-making, with real power, on the historical (traditional) — political level.

Zionism, a highly-principled concept, matured at a time when generations of intellectuals were focusing their energies on the establishment of National States. Today, this concept, and the values and hopes it embodies, must be rethought and reformed to regain its former vigor and to endure.

New political ideas, new attitudes towards history, are required to sustain such a reorientation. New transnational political forces and organizations are required to establish traditional ideals of freedom, justice, peace and tolerance to confront real problems of the human condition and of the planet, in order to control upheavals erupting everywhere.

Furthermore, it is imperative that we avoid a "non-aligned" pacifism which cannot respond to decisions taken on the political-historical (traditional) level. The useful nonviolent position demands an alert and active response to violence per se and to violent regimes.

The democratic view insists that the enemies of Israel do not so much fear her weapons as they fear her ideals, just as they fear the ideals of political and social democracy. These ideals are the most dreaded enemies of the other political regimes of the Middle East, without exception, because these are the ideals which will free their citizens, their peoples.

In Israel, an old, established ruling class, enslaved to the past, seems incapable of properly understanding that the best guarantee of Israel's survival is a State of Rights, which protects civil and human rights for every individual. On the ideological and administrative levels, the ruling class has shown itself incapable of controlling and preventing violence in a new, efficient way. Israel's old, rusty strategy inhibits Israel from resolving the challenge of world indifference to the demagogic threat presented by totalitarian regimes on the right and on the left.

The Radical Party intends to fight to promote Israel's full participation in the European Community, an essential objective for the defense of democracy and peace in the Middle East and a necessary and compulsory step towards the democratic liberalization of all the peoples and individuals who live there.

It is possible that the European Parliament will favour this initiative, if the battle is joined and actively supported by Israel Herself.

The Radical Party will hold its Federal Council at the Intercontinental Hotel in Jerusalem from October 21-24, 1988. This meeting is extremely important both for the Radical Party and for the State of Israel.

The Radical Party does not compete with any national party or any nation state in the world. As such, the party will never present itself in any elections and as such it will never play a role in any "national" government, on the contrary, the party is concerned with broadcasting objectives and ideas.

The Radical Party urgently requires members, subscribers and active volunteers to consolidate and affirm its existence in Israel. The "refuzniks" are well aware of our struggles for their cause and for their rights and for the rights of all minority groups and all oppressed and persecuted individuals.

But if the "refuzniks", their families and the Israelis trying to find a solution to the tragedy surrounding them do not speak out and take an active role in establishing this Transnational Radical Party; if they do not "vote" in this way for a better future and for new and different ideals, for themselves and for everyone, we shall all be overcome by — instead of overcoming — the immense conflicts of our times.

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MEMBERS 1987

In January and February 1987, when the Radical Party definitively opted to become a transnational party, it gained the support and membership of three Nobel prize-winners, and of intellectuals and writers from many countries.

These include the French writer and journalist, André Bercoff, the painter Piero Dorazio, the director and founder of "l'Agence Europe", Emmanuele Gazzo, together with Eugene Ionesco, the playwright of Romanian origin, and the Italian philosophers Giulio Giorello and Salvatore Veca. There are hundreds of members of the *Radical Party who belong to national political parties of different* political tendencies among whom are dozens of members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament, and among others, Shulamit Aloni, member of the Knesset, and leader of the Ratz.

Other members of the Radical Party are Arnaldo Farina and Staffan De Mistura, Presidents of the Italian and Swedish Committees for UNICEF; Arturo Goetz, the Secretary of the Committee for Food Security in Latin America; the ecologists Brice Lalonda who is French, and Luc de Brabandere, the founder of the Friends of Barth ub Belgium. Among the victims of totalitarian and authoritarian regimes besides the Soviet "refuzniks" who have joined the Radical Party, those best known are Leonid Pliusc, mathmatician, and Ukrainian dissident, and Ruben Bareiro Saguier, writer and Paraguayan refugee.

Hundreds of members belong to the entertainment world: among them are the English mimic Lindsay Kemp; the Spanish singer, Miguel Bose and the Italians Franco Battiato, Angelo Branduardi and the actor Ugo Tognazzi.

Belonging to the Jewish community members are Giorgio Sacerdoti, President of the community of Milan, Federico Steinhaus, spokesman for the Alto atesina Community, and Raffaello Fellah, President of the Sephardie Community.

At the 32nd Congress of the Radical Party, **Ileana Nudel**, sister of Ida, **Irina Goldort**, daughter of Cherna and **Igor Tufeld**, son of Isolda and Vladimir, enrolled as members with their relatives. Soviet "refuzniks" who had not been allowed to *emigrate to Israel. On that occasion the Radical Party sponsored eleven "refuzniks"*, and from the very next day Radical militants began hunger strikes, marches and other nonviolent initiatives over the space a year —and thanks to the radical initiatives, they were permitted to go back to Israel. Avital Chicharanski also numbers among those who joined the Radical Party.

Rita Levi Montalcini 1986 Nobel Prize-winner for medicine. She is one of the Nobel Prize-winners who joined the Radical Party in 1987 at the time of its re-establishment as a transnational party. Like her, Wassily Leontieff, *Nobel Prize-winner for economics* in 1973, and George Wald, Nobel Prize-winner for medicine in 1967, also became members.

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Bank shares '88

More dollar-linked schemes

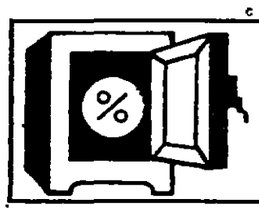
Straight dollar-linked, or basket-linked schemes, are those that offer only linkage to the dollar (or to the basket of currencies), and not to the Consumer Price Index as well. Every bank offers such a scheme, under its brand name, e.g. Koah Tsamud Dollar/Sal at Leumi, Matmon Tsamud Dollar/Sal at Hapoalim, Itron at Discount, etc.

These schemes run for three to four years, and carry a fixed rate of interest determined by the rate in force on the day the money is deposited. Currently, these rates are around 7.25% for the dollar-linked scheme and 6.25% per annum on the basket-linked one.

But these are the Cinderellas of the saving scheme family. No one is much interested in them, and the banks have therefore not even bothered to mount special campaigns with bonuses and the like. The bitter experience of the last three years has taught investors not to lock their money into dollar-linked schemes where they might be trapped by a frozen exchange rate – and, worse, still, by a falling dollar – unless they have a parallel index-linked alternative. By extension, the same is true of patam dollar-linked bank deposits which, although they are only blocked for one year at a time, are also unpopular, and for the same reason.

However, the devaluation rumours have created considerable interest in liquid dollar-linked investments. This has come to the fore in the strong demand for the maturing bank shares, which are now to run for three more years with the extra advantage of index-linked protection. It has also prompted the Treasury to again issue straight dollar-linked bonds, after a three-year absence. These new issues are likely to be big hits, when they appear at the end of the month.

The only other government dollar-linked bonds available are the Gilboa and Hermon series that were issued until 1985, and that now have



BANKING ON IT
Pinhas Landau

maturities of up to seven years. These have been bid up in the market and are now regarded as fully priced on any reasonable expectations of one or more devaluations in the coming months.

The same is true for the few corporate bonds, linked to the dollar or other currencies, that are avilable on the Tel Aviv market. However, it is certainly possible that the renewed interest in foreign-currnecy linked investments will prompt more firms to issue these kinds of bonds. The Israel Chemicals Group was complaining bitterly only a few months ago that the market was only interested in index-linked paper, while its preference was to issue foreign currency-linked bonds, as it had in the past.

Investments in mutual funds that concentrate in foreign currency-linked investments suffer from the same basic problems, because the funds invest only in what is available in the markets. But at least they offer the advantage of transferring the headache to the fund manager, as well as achieving a greater dispersal of risk than an individual investor can normally manage – in line with all mutual fund investments.

Two final points may be made on the subject of currency-linked investments. One is that the issue of currency volatility and fluctuations cannot be ignored. It is not enough to say "I want to put my money in a foreign-currency linked investment" – one has to decide which currency, and that is rather difficult. As noted yesterday, the latest schemes from Hapoalim and Leumi offer the option of chopping and changing, but many people may prefer the currency basket approach as saving them the need to decide afresh every so often.

However, even the currency basket is comprised of dollars to the tune of 60%, so that the degree of protection it offers to a slide in the dollar is limited.

The other is that investors who prefer to put their money in an existing provident fund, because of the numerous advantages available there (that will be reviewed in a later column), must forgo the option of linking their money to foreign currency in any way. While it is true that there are dollar-linked provident funds, these are very small and very young, because they were started only in 1984/85, and have relatively few members. In practice, therefore, provident-fund holders must accept that if they want dollar-linkage they must forget about their provident fund, and if they want to deposit in their provident fund they must forget about dollar-linkage.

CORRECTION: Due to an editing error, yesterday's Banking on It overstated the likelihood of an imminent devaluation. The column was intended to say that most of the investing public is working on the clear assumption that some sort of devaluation is in the offing.

It would be useful to add that anyone carried away by the current devaluation fever on the black market and tempted to buy cash dollars for NIS 1.87-1.9, which the rate has now reached, has an excellent chance of losing money. This premium already reflects a devaluation of 16-17%, which is beyond the upper range of expectations.

South Africa is too small for De Beers' Harry Oppenheimer

By CHRISTOPHER WILSON

JOHANNESBURG – From his heavily guarded estate in Johannesburg, Harry Oppenheimer, former chairman of the Anglo American and De Beers corporations, oversees a family empire whose interests extend far beyond South Africa's borders.

For 50 years that empire has made the Oppenheimers one of the 20th century's wealthiest families, giving them control of 80% of the world's diamonds and a global pre-eminence among gold and platinum producers. "Almost every wedding ring that is sold shows a profit for Harry," says an Anglo executive.

Through Anglo, De Beers and a host of affiliates, associates and subsidiaries tied together in a complex web, Oppenheimer interests form the backbone of the South African economy and extend to dozens of other countries.

When the Anglo-controlled firm of Minorco last month launched a bid worth almost $5 billion for Britain's Consolidated Gold Fields, the world's No. 2 gold producer, financial markets judged that the hand of Harry Oppenheimer was probably directing operations. Though officially retired since 1984, Oppenheimer, 80, is still guardian of the dynasty.

The bid, the biggest takeover attempt in British history, has sparked a battle royal between Oppenheimer interests and Consgold's management led by Chairman Rudolf Agnew. "Agnew's grandfather used to run Consgold so he sees himself in a dynastic role, but there are all sorts of other considerations," a South African mining analyst remarks.

Some observers, including Agnew, believe Oppenheimer wants to distance the group from its South African identity to shield it from anti-apartheid sanctions. Insiders also say South Africa's limited, gold-dependent economy is too small and isolated for the man they call "multinational Harry."

Stockbrokers estimate that Anglo

Harry Oppenheimer

has shareholdings in about 70% of the companies listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. "He (Oppenheimer) is an old man in a hurry who recognizes that there must be a danger for his South African empire," Agnew said in an interview with *The Financial Times*.

Oppenheimer has already greatly expanded the empire founded in 1917 by his father, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer. Through corporate vehicles like the Luxembourg-registered Minorco, he has widened the company's operating base and extended its interests, particularly in the U.S. For years Anglo was ranked as the biggest corporate investor in the U.S. by *Forbes* magazine.

The Oppenheimers' financial strength is reinforced by an impressive list of friends among the rich and powerful. They have included the American Charles Engelhard and the Rothschild banking family.

Educated at Oxford University, Oppenheimer's admiration for the qualities of English life pervade Anglo's discreet Johannesburg headquarters, 44 Main Street. The Oxford connection remains strong. Both Anglo's chairman, Gavin Relly, and De Beers Chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson were educated there and, although South African-born, have a quintessentially English air.

"We did have occasionally the odd itinerant Cambridge man," Relly once remarked half-seriously. "They didn't stay for long."

Relly and Ogilvie Thompson both served as personal assistants to Harry Oppenheimer in their early years. Both are now considered part of the family.

Yet few Anglo-watchers doubt that the chairmanship of Anglo and De Beers will pass to Harry's only son, Nicholas (or Nicky), Oppenheimer, currently head of De Beers' London-based diamond marketing arm, the Central Selling Organization.

The private company E. Oppenheimer and Son remains at the apex of the Anglo American-De Beers pyramid, ensuring the family's unassailable control of the empire.

Within South Africa, Anglo is a colossus. It has holdings in an estimated 600 companies and interests in property, chemicals, food, motor vehicles, engineering and construction. The company controls both major English-language newspaper groups, the Argus printing and publishing company and Times Media.

Relations with Afrikaans-speaking white rulers in Pretoria have often been strained. Ultimately however, the government is aware that tax revenues from Anglo drive the economy and help provide the white minority with one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Oppenheimer has long opposed the ruling National Party, fighting apartheid and serving as an opposition member of Parliament before inheriting Anglo and De Beers in 1957.

Zach De Beer, an Anglo director, resigned last month to become leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party. However, Anglo's management last year smashed a nationwide strike by black gold miners by dismissing nearly 50,000 workers.

(Reuter)

Low demand not sole cause of joblessness

LABOUR MARKET
Jeff Black

A lack of demand for workers is no longer the only major cause of unemployment, according to the Labour Ministry's Manpower Planning Authority's latest report.

The report says that over the past two years, a number of other factors have begun to play an increased role in the country's unemployment pattern.

These new developments include workers' unsuitability for the jobs on offer and the refusal of unemployed workers to accept certain jobs. Overall, however, the lack of demand for workers explains still 60% of the unemployment situation.

In fact demand for labour in the third quarter slumped 24% from the previous quarter, according to a survey conducted by Manpower, the temporary-employment agency.

Yitzhak Friedman, Manpower's managing director, says demand is at the same level as it was in the final quarter of 1985 and first three months of 1986 – the period immediately following the government's economic stabilization programme.

The survey, based on newspaper want ads, found that only 46,283 jobs were on offer over this July-September, compared with 61,053 in the second quarter of the year.

Demand abroad

Israelis looking for work overseas might run into difficulties due to a drop in demand for Israeli workers. Demand fell 16% in the third quarter this year compared with the previous three months, according to a Manpower survey.

It marks the second consecutive three-month period that the overseas demand for Israeli workers has declined. Even in South Africa, where skilled Israelis traditionally look for work, the demand has fallen.

Women in industry

The number of women working in industry in Jerusalem jumped 18% last year, according to Na'amat official Ruth Lav. She says 2,200 Jerusalem women now work in industry, out of a total industrial workforce of 14,500. In the main, she adds, women tend to work in high technology industries.

Foreign labour

Workers from Turkey and Thailand will form the next wave of foreign labour to be lured to Israel, if the ORS temporary-employment agency is allowed to put its plans into action.

ORS this week sent a telegram to the Citrus Marketing Board, offering to arrange to bring in workers from these countries to help with the harvest that begins next month. The agency says growers need an additional source of foreign workers aside from Portugal. The agency says labourers from Turkey and Thailand have a good reputation for being industrious and reliable, and that 3,000 workers were needed for the harvest.

The latest Labour Ministry figures show that 4,000 foreign workers are legally employed in the country at present, alongside 1,500 from South Lebanon.

Huge jump in ceramics sales seen by 2000

By LYNTON McLAIN

LONDON – The U.S. Office of Technology Assessment has forecast a $20 billion world market for advanced ceramic and polymer materials for industry by the year 2000.

The forecast, released by the U.S. Department of Commerce at a seminar and exhibition on new ceramics and glass materials here last week, compares with the current world demand of about $2b. for structural ceramics, ceramics matrix and polymer matrix materials. The Commerce Department said companies in the advanced-materials sector had to have a global market in order to recoup the high costs of research and development of the new materials.

Harrie Stevens, the associate dean for sponsored programmes at the New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred University, New York, predicted that by 2000 the U.S. would produce one ton of ceramics a year for every person in the U.S.

The U.S. International Marketing Centre said European demand for technical ceramics and glasses was estimated to be worth $1.5b. a year, with expected growth up to 18% a year. The UN forecast that exports of U.S. technical ceramics and glasses to Europe would rise "dramatically."

Advanced ceramics, including fibre optics made from ceramics and components for computers, accounted for 14.1% of the U.S. ceramics market of $31.1b. last year.

(Financial Times)

Israel Money Markets

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank	Deposit Size	Pachak	7 days	14 days	30 days
Last Updated	40-999	–	4.00	8.00	10.00
Leumi (Aug 31)	1,000-9,999	10.00	11.25	11.50	12.25
	10,000-49,000	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50
	50,000-99,999	11.25	12.75	12.25	12.75
	100,000-499,999	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00
Hapoalim (April 14)	Up to 9,999	8.00	10.75	10.75	11.75
	10,000-49,999	9.50	11.00	11.00	12.00
	50,000-99,999	9.75	11.25	11.25	12.25
	100,000+	10.00	11.50	11.50	12.50
Discount (Oct. 16)	50-995	7.00	8.00	10.00	11.00
	1,000-9,995	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.50
	10,000-49,995	10.00	12.00	12.50	13.00
	50,000-99,995	11.00	12.50	13.00	13.50
	100,000+	12.00	12.50	13.00	13.50
Mizrahi (Sept. 15)	40-2,000	–	10.00	10.00	10.00
	2,001-10,000	10.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
	10,001-50,000	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00
	50,001-99,999	10.75	11.25	11.25	11.25
	100,000-250,000	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50
	250,000+	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50
First Intl (Oct. 16)	50-999	8.00	10.25	10.25	10.75
	1,000-9,999	–	–	–	–
	10,000-49,999	9.50	10.50	10.50	11.00
	50,000-99,999	9.75	10.75	10.75	11.25
	100,000+	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.50

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (Oct. 18)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($100,000)	7.875	7.875	8.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	10.375	10.375	10.125
Deutschmark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.125	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.750	2.750	2.875
Yen (1 million yen)	3.375	3.375	3.375

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI. Rates vary higher or lower than indicated above according to amount of deposit.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (Oct. 17)

	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates
Currency basket	1.7070	1.7290	–	–	1.7176
U.S. dollar	1.6040	1.6340	1.58	1.65	1.6144
Deutschmark	0.8872	0.8962	0.87	0.91	0.8926
Pound sterling	2.8102	2.8452	2.76	2.88	2.8327
French franc	0.2595	0.2627	0.25	0.27	0.2614
Japanese yen (100)	1.2500	1.2757	1.24	1.30	1.2574
Dutch florin	0.7869	0.7967	0.78	0.81	0.7917
Swiss franc	1.0477	1.0607	1.03	1.08	1.0560
Swedish krona	0.2577	0.2609	0.25	0.27	0.2593
Norwegian krone	0.2399	0.2429	0.24	0.25	0.2415
Danish krone	0.2289	0.2328	0.23	0.24	0.2314
Finnish mark	0.3745	0.3792	0.37	0.39	0.3771
Canadian dollar	1.3311	1.3477	1.31	1.37	1.3411
Australian dollar	1.2970	1.3132	1.24	1.36	1.3044
S. African rand	0.6576	0.6658	0.43	0.52	0.6620
Belgian franc (10)	0.4188	0.4240	0.41	0.43	0.4258
Austrian schilling (10)	1.2610	1.2767	1.24	1.30	1.2700
Italian lira (1000)	1.1908	1.2056	1.17	1.23	1.1978
Jordanian dinar	–	–	3.32	3.52	3.8746
Egyptian pound	–	–	0.68	0.72	0.6780
ECU	1.8382	1.8611	–	–	1.8514
Irish punt	2.3707	2.4003	2.32	2.46	2.3866
Spanish peseta (100)	1.3400	1.3567	1.33	1.39	1.3496

SOURCE: BANK HAPOALIM

Europe / Far East

Precious Metals (Oct. 17)

Gold	London a.m. fix	411.15	
	London p.m. fix	413.00	
	Paris noon fix	412.15	
	Zurich p.m. fix	412.00	
Silver	London Spot fix	634.25	
Platinum	London p.m. fix	540.25	

Libor Rates (Oct. 17)

	3 months	6 months	9 months
Sterling	12 1/16	11 15/16	11 13/16
Dollar	8 5/8	8 5/8	8 11/16
S-franc	3 7/8	3 15/16	3 7/8
D-mark	5	5	5 1/8
Yen	4 3/4	4 11/16	4 5/8

SOURCE: MARINE MIDLAND BANK

Foreign Currency Crossrates (London 15:30 GMT)

	Spot	3 months	6 months	12 months
Forward rates				
Pound sterling	1.7480/90	148/141	265/250	440/430
Deutschmark	1.8110/20	165/161	316/311	820/610
Swiss franc	1.5302/09	185/180	362/345	710/680
Dutch florin	2.0415/25	163/159	315/308	627/612
French franc	6.1850/80	50/30	95/65	190/140
Japanese yen	127.20/30	129/123	246/241	486/485
Italian lira	1347.0/6.0	91/99	165/185	320/370
Belgian franc	37.95/98	14/10	28/21	55/40
Canadian dollar	1.2045/55	51/55	100/105	190/200
ECU	1.1438/41	25/30	53/60	113/128
S. African rand	2.4385/15	250/270	530/655	1210/1250
Austrian schilling	12.72/73	10/7	19/16	37/30
Swedish krona	6.2285/15	275/300	530/580	850/1050
Norwegian krone	6.6900/50	775/800	1600/1650	2800/2900
Danish krone	6.9810/60	75/45	100/40	175/50

Share indices

Nikkei Average	27,268.74	- 37.83
Sydney All Ordinaries	1,566.9	+15.2
Commerzbank 60 stocks	NA	NA
CAC (Paris)	NA	NA
Hang Seng	2,593.56	+ 0.56
Swiss All Share	923.5	- 2.2
Financial Times 100 stocks	1,860.0	+19.4

WORLD STOCK MARKET ROUNDUP

TOKYO Share prices drifted back and forth from the minus to plus side in dull trade to finally settle on the lower end.

"There are many uncertainties in the market. Interest rate worries are coming down. But there is still uncertainty over such things as the health of the emperor and the U.S. elections," said an analyst at a major Japanese brokerage. "The Nikkei will not be up much in the near term. In November the market will regain ground and push for another upswing."

The Nikkei Average slipped 37.83 points, or 0.14% to 27,268.74 it ended with a 33.27-point gain Friday. The first section index, or Topix, firmed 3.31 points to 2128.095 after a 15.44-point rise Friday. Turnover amounted to a mere 400 million shares against 700 million Friday – the first turnover this low since August 31.

A mixed Wall Street Friday and no news over the weekend did nothing to pull the market out of its recent doldrums. The dollar's recent volatile movements were further incentive to stick to the sidelines, brokers said. Institutions are keeping cash positions high. Many prefer to wait until after the U.S. November elections to decide whether or not to pour money into equities, brokers said.

Announcements of corporate interim results to September 30 will begin to come in later this month. Securities analysts will also be paying company visits regarding these figures.

LONDON Equities extended their earlier gains in late trading with a fresh batch of bid moves buying prices, particularly in potential targets.

By 1700 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 19.4 points at 1860, with the market shrugging off a slightly lower opening on Wall Street yesterday afternoon. Although the market was higher, volume was still not impressive, with 329 million shares traded by 1400 GMT.

The fact that Black Monday was one year ago had little effect on sentiment against the background of the bid action. "There have been more than £2 billion worth of bids today," one trader said. "Without them the market could well be lower."

Yesterday's biggest bid was Elders' £1.6 billion bid for British brewer Scottish and Newcastle, which was a net 56P higher at 407P against the 400P per share offer price after rejecting the offer.

Analysts think Elders, unchanged at 155P in London, will have to pay more to win control of Scottish and Newcastle. They thought 400P per share was an opening shot and Elders would have to pay 440P or even 450P to win control. They pointed out that Elders would have 20% of the UK beer market if it won control, so its bid could attract the attention of the Monopolies Commission.

Scottish and Newcastle topped the actives list with more than 19 million shares changing hands, but Lonrho came a close second with more than 18 million traded for an 18P rise 362P.

HONGKONG Share prices were brought down from their early morning peaks on profit-taking, which was more widespread than expected.

The Hang Seng index finished 0.56 points up at 2593.56, after an initial 22-point gain. The broader-based Hong Kong Index added 0.60 points to 1708.88.

"Technical signals still point to the up side," a broker from a local house said. "But profit-taking by short-term traders and the U.S. dollar's slide halted the rally temporarily."

"The market should rise further in the week, with 2650 in the index as the first target," a broker said. "The threat of higher interest rates, a major factor affecting share prices, has diminished at least temporarily." "But the weak U.S. dollar, to which the local currency is linked, will make overseas investors a bit cautious," he added.

Turnover was lower at HK $768.90 million from Friday's HK$793.68.

SYDNEY Rises among leading gold and mining stocks following firmer commodity and gold prices led the national share market to a strong close.

One broker said overseas buying outweighed local interest, especially among resource stocks, while institutions were active among special-situation stocks.

By the close of computer trading at 5 p.m., the All Ordinaries had risen 15.2 points to 1566.9, its high for the day. The gold market lifted 24.8 points, or 1.5% to 1658.1. The All Resources 17.3 to 813.7 and the All Industrials 10.6 to 2569.1.

National turnover was 98.62 million shares worth a A$190.05 million as falls outpaced rises by about three to two.

ZURICH Shares closed easier across the board in moderate trading.

The decline of the dollar below 1.35 Swiss francs at the opening depressed market sentiment, although it later climbed above 1.35. Investors were also cautious about the future trend on Wall Street.

Banks were generally little changed. Union Bank bearers edged down five to 3,285 francs and Credit Suisse bearers also fell five to 2,710 francs.

The All-Share Swiss Index closed at 923.5 points, 2.2 points below Friday's close.

FRANKFURT Shares closed lower in sluggish trade, as the market consolidated Friday's gains, when the DAX index hit a new 1988 high of 1291.19. Lack of sufficient follow-up buying by foreign investors and a lower dollar, coupled with scattered profit-taking, kept a lid on potential gains.

"Clearly, we should view yesterday's developments as a technical adjustment," said one dealer. "But, all in all, the outlook for the market is still promising."

The real-time 30-Share Dax index closed at 1282.99, 6.58 points or 0.5% below the previous close.

JOHANNESBURG Gold shares closed little changed from their opening levels, but firmer against Friday's close, as the bullion price strengthened to above $413 an ounce.

Heavyweight Randfontein gained four rand to 270 rand and Vaal Reefs was two rand up to 278 rand. Driefontein firmed 25 cents to 36.25 rand. Lightweight Kinross was 50 cents up to 34 rand. De Beers gained 15 cents at 43 rand, while other minings, Minings Financials followed the trend.

In industrials, Barlows are unchanged at 26 rand.

PARIS Share prices ended the continuous session off lows in thin trading with operators concerned by the prospect of labour unrest this week. This week's anniversary of the October 1987 clash also brought on a fresh bout of nerves.

The 50-Share Price indicator ended 1.56% off after touching apoint 1.67% down in early afternoon trading.

Dealers were also concerned that the government may have to raise rates at Tuesday's securities repurchase tender to defend the franc after yesterday's record low fixing against the mark.

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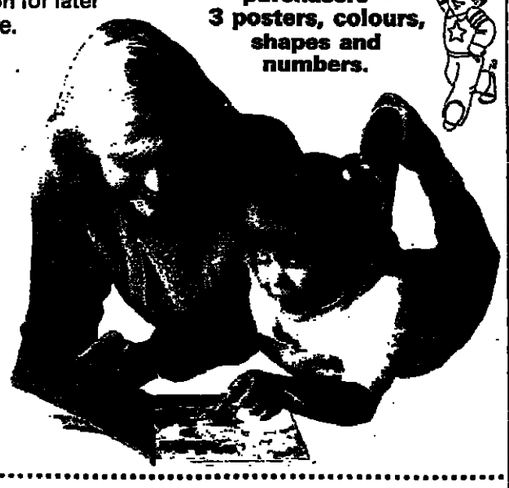

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Turnover falls

Tel Aviv share prices stage turnround

Post Economic Staff

The atmosphere on the trading floor of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange improved yesterday as the market staged a technical correction after Sunday's plunge.

Also aiding prices were reports in the press of a possible settlement to Koor's debt crisis as well as an influx of fresh money into the mutual funds, which allowed themn to buy into the market and buttress share prices. Turnover, nonetheless, shrank somewhat, to NIS 7.5 million.

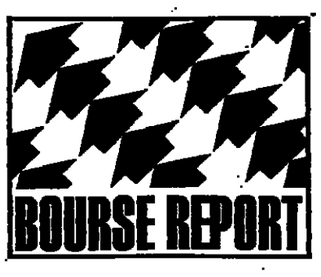
The ratio of shares posting advances to those posting declines reversed from Sunday's lopsided figure. One-hundred and eighty-one issues posted gains, while 87 fell, with 171 remaining unchanged.

Turnover for arrangement bank shares, however, remained high at NIS 10.8m. as the Bank of Israel continued to buy them. Yesterday, alone, it purchased NIS 5m. worth.

The two-sided index rose 2.4% on turnover of NIS 2.2m., the same as Sunday's level. The gains ranged between 1.5% and 5%, with some shares rising above the average, notably Petrochemicals and JOEL. Dead Sea posted the biggest volume of the day, with Clal and Hachsharat Hayishuv running a close second and third.

Israel Discount Bank's pensions funds and Bank Leumi's mutual funds continued to buy selectively, adding support to prices.

Such liquid shares as Delta Galil, Mivneh Ta'asia and Supersol A rose slightly in the multi-sided trading session. Warrants that fell sharply Sunday, recovered most of their losses.



Discount Investments announced yesterday that it had sold 22% of its holding Iscar Blades to Stef Wertheimer, the principal shareholder in Iscar. It earned NIS 5m. from the transaction. Among the half-year reports published yesterday. Octagon reported a loss of NIS 103,000 and Neot Aviv turned in an NIS 80,000 profit.

In the insurance sector, Hadar continued to post gains, while Lighterage edged up slightly. Al-Rov rose 5.7% and Bayside 1 gained 5%. Vitalgo 1 was off 10% and Shaldot was marked sellers only after reporting a NIS 1m. loss Sunday.

Ampa fell 5.8% and Oz 1 was down 5.5%.

In the next few days, the market is widely expected to follow the modd of share traders, who in turn are seen responding to developments in the Koor affair, the bank share redemptions, shekel interest rates and general liquidity.

TALKING TURKEY: Turkish President Kenan Evren in West Germany yesterday at the start of a five-day visit where he is expected to lobby for his country's admission to the European Community. He was greeted by 20,000 of his countrymen – most of the guestworkers in Germany – at the Turkish consulate in Huerth. (AFP)

Jordan to slash state spending

AMMAN (Reuter) – Jordan's prime minister, Zeid Al-Rifa'i said Sunday the government would slash spending as part of plans to tackle its chronic budget deficit. But he pledged to maintain subsidies on consumer staples such as wheat, rice, meat and sugar.

In a televised interview Sunday night with two local economists, he said Jordan was spending too much hard currency on luxury imports such as cars and electrical goods. "If we are to improve the way we use foreign exchange and at the same time keep our open economy, there must be a collective effort by all sectors of society, starting with the government," he declared.

"We have decided to cut the deficit by squeezing public spending. We will stop buying cars, reduce official foreign trips and banquets and delay infrastructure projects. "But we will maintain spending on productive sectors and finish projects already begun."

Although local observers praised Rifa'i's plans, at least one Western diplomat voiced reservations, saying: "There is a problem of confidence and not enough is being done to restore it. These measures do not convey the conviction that the problem is serious and is being seriously tackled."

The diplomat said Rifa'i's promise to maintain food subsidies and reduce water and electricity charges was bound to put additional burdens on the treasury.

Nor did his remarks halt the dinar's erosion against major currencies. The central bank set rates of 428/430 fils to the dollar, down from 420/422 Sunday, while moneychangers on the free market quoted rates of 450/475 fils, down from 435/460.

The interview with Rifa'i was shown two days after the central bank aligned exchange rates with free market rates, slicing 10% off the dinar's previous official dollar value. The weakening dinar, which has lost 22% of its dollar value this year, has provoked widespread public anxiety.

Rifa'i said the central bank move was part of an economic, monetary and financial package to stabilize the economy. He said the central bank would not let the dinar float freely, but set daily rates in consultation with major banks in a bid to balance foreign exchange needs with amounts available.

"This flexibility in exchange rates has become necessary," he said. A lower dinar would boost growth rates, help exports of goods and services, boost import substitution, increase savings and investment, cut consumption, create jobs for Jordanians rather than foreigners and narrow the budget deficit.

Rifa'i said modest inflation was anticipated, but promised to shield lower-income groups by holding down prices of subsidized staples and reducing water and electricity charges.

In 2 years to 1987

Household income increased 13%

By DAVID ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thanks to lower income taxes, the average household had 13% more take-home pay last year than in 1985 – nearly double the increase in the average pre-tax wage – a survey released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed.

The average pre-tax salary rose, after accounting for inflation, just 7% to NIS 2,375 in 1987, while the average net wage grew 13% to NIS 1,870. Taxes and National Insurance Institute payments took up only 21% of the average wage earner's pay, the bureau said.

With the average household containing 3.8 people, the available monthly income per person last year was NIS 486.

The survey found that the top 10% of all wage earners earned 17.7% of the country's aggregate wage income, while the bottom decile earned just 4.4% – just one-fourth that level. The gap was even wider when the larger families of the bottom 10% were taken into account.

The lowest-wage households had an average of 4.6 members, compared with just 2.6 for the top 10%. That meant the wealthiest homes had an average available income per person of NIS 1,270, 7.6 times the NIS 167 of the poorest households. Compared with 1985, the last time the survey was conducted, the per capita difference between the richest and poorest households was virtually unchanged.

Oddly enough, in households where the head of the household does not work at all, per capita income was higher than for the bottom 10% of wage earners, at NIS 328. That was because the average household where the head was unemployed had only 2.2 people. Total household income for this category was a very low NIS 735 before taxes, and NIS 715 net.

In gross terms, the average household whose head is unemployed earned only 30% of the average household whose head was working. But after the typical wage earner paid taxes and NII obligations, he took home only one-third more than someone who is unemployed.

The survey measured households where its head is a wage earner and accounts for at least two-thirds of the household's total income. On average, about 9% of the typical household's income came from non-wage sources, such as pensions and investments.

Wage hike for gov't officials cut

By JEFF BLACK
Post Labour Reporter

Government ministers, Knesset members and other senior state officials will not get their scheduled 15.8% wage hike November 1 after Labour Minister Moshe Katsav ordered a reduction in the increase yesterday.

Labour Ministry officials insisted, however, that the 4.5 percentage point cut, which reduced the slated increase to senior state officials to 11.3%, had nothing to do with the public outcry that followed the original announcement of the 15.8% hike. Critics had noted that all other wage earners would be getting only a 4.5% increase in their paychecks to reflect the most recent increases in the cost of living.

Labour Minister Moshe Katsav signed the announcement of the lower pay hike after consultations with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim. He said the reduction was aimed at eliminating the influence on the average wage in the economy of rises on the minimum wage. Senior officials' wages are updated every three months, in line with increases in the average wage.

Labour Ministry officials explained that under the legislation governing the minimum wage, the labour minister is empowered to neutralize the affects of rises in the minimum wage on the average wage.

At Sunday's cabinet meeting, all ministers voted for a reappraisal of the current system of updating their wages every three months. Nissim insisted that given the current inflation rate, an annual update would be sufficient. The Knesset Finance Committee will meet Thursday to discuss the issue.

Self-employed people, meanwhile, face a 9.6% increase in their advance payments to the National Insurance Institute. NII officials said yesterday the increase should have been 15.8%, in line with the rise in the average wage, but held it to 9.6% because the rise in the average wage stemmed from one-time payments of salary bonuses.

More investors opting to keep bank shares

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

In spite of the volatility of the stock exchange prompted by the Koor crisis, the bank share-recycling operation is moving steadily forward, apparently unaffected by the storm raging around it.

The latest trend reported from the commercial banks is that a growing number of bank share holders are deciding to keep their bank shares and take advantage of the improved terms offered by the Treasury until the next redemption in three years time.

Today is the last day for holders of bank shares due for redemption October 31 to notify their banks or brokers that they wish to redeem their shares. Anyone who fails to give such notice will be considered as having requested to hold on to the shares. Conversely, anyone requesting redemption will have their account credited on October 31.

As of the close of business on Sunday, redemption requests had been received for only $328 million worth of shares, out of a total of $1.5 billion held by individuals or firms which are due for redemption in two weeks time. But the new assessment – that the public is keener on holding its bank shares – is not bsed on these low returns, since it had always been assumed that the notifications would come in a last-minute rush.

Instead, it reflects the public mood as reported by hundreds of investment counsellors to their banks' head offices.

Only this afternoon will there be any clear indications of the final split between redemptions and retentions, with official statistics expected tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Treasury's recycling operations are proceeding apace. Yesterday saw two issues of new government bonds, for a total of NIS 130m. The Saguy series, which carries a six-year maturity, was sold at a price of 102, for a yield of 4%, while the Galil series bond with a 17-year maturity fetched an auction price of 97, for a yield of 4.9% per annum.

These yields maintain the run of success that has characterized Treasury issues in recent weeks.

On Sunday, the Treasury sold another NIS 130m. worth of bonds via a "futures" issue, in which investors commit themselves in advance to pay for new issues to be made October 31. This brought the total raised by the Treasury through futures issues to NIS 800m., or 20% of the total amount of maturing bank shares that are held by the general public, either directly or through investment institutions.

In light of the success of the futures issues, Capital Markets Commissioner Gad Arbel has given instructions to make another one Wednesday, and there may even be a further one next Sunday.

Ban on Coca-Cola lifted in Qatar

BAHRAIN (Reuter) – Qatar yesterday became the fifth Gulf Arab state to lift a ban on the sale of Coca-Cola, saying the U.S. soft drink giant now conformed to the rules of an Arab boycott of Israel.

"Dealing with the American company has resumed now it has corrected its situation to what meets the rules and principles of the boycott," an official decree said. The decree did not say what measures Coca-Cola nad taken to reform.

Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain have already lifted the ban, although officials at the Israel Boycott Office in Damascus said last month the U.S. firm.

Foreign bankers learn about Israel

Post Finance Reporter

Bank Hapoalim is the organizer and host of the first seminar of its kind for international bankers to be held in Israel.

The participants are drawn from 20 banks in a number of European countries, including West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Scandinavian countries and the Low Countries, as well as from the U.S. Their common denominator is that they are all responsible for their banks' Israeli connections.

The object of the seminar, which began this week and will continue until the end of next week, is to give the foreigners a more thorough knowledge of the Israeli economic scene, especially the banking system. They will hear lectures on monetary policy, trade flows, foreign currency regulations and the local capital markets, and will visit various economic institutions and industrial enterprises.

Although Hapoalim presumably did not time the seminar to coincide with the Koor crisis, in which it has a leading role, it seems likely that this subject will figure prominently in the seminar's discussions, and help the visitors obtain a clearer understanding of the kind of problems with which the economy and banks are currently faced.

The business and economics pages are edited by Shlomo Maoz, The Post's economic editor.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Selected Prices

Name	Price	T'over (shares)	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of arrangement)			
Meritime 0.1	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
General non-arr.	14550	144	-0.3
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement —1986 series)			
IDB ord	116200	848	-1.0
Union	86950	334	-0.2
Discount A	148550	369	-0.1
Mizrahi r	47880	2780	-0.1
Hapoalim r	79060	3583	-0.1
General A	201350	88	–
Leumi 100.0	50239	7212	-0.1
Fin. Trade 1	66633	54	–
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort. r	10908	192	+4.3
Dev. Mort.	2520	208	–
Mishkan r	4530	12	–
First Int'l Mort.	7100	7	-1.4
Tefahot r	22900	104	-1.9
Contractors	678	1444	–
Clal Leasing 0.5	14500	93	-1.7
Insurance			
Reinsurance 5	129	7087	-5.8
Hadar 1	148	13225	+2.1
Phoenix 1	580	615	-0.5
Hamishmar 1	5920	20	+5.3
Clal Insurance	255	500	–
Menorah 1	750	–	-0.4
Securitas	1099	1680	–
Trade & Services			
Intergama 1	665	1120	-1.8
Mair Ezra	300	290	–
Crystal	279	3000	–
Supersol A	3400	902	+1.0
Assuta	328	600	–
Lighterage 1	277	3895	+4.1
Cold Storage 1	515	1363	+1.2
Bonded W'house 1	960	–	–
Dan Hotels 1	1287	120	+5.1
Coral Beach	6630	2	–
Red Sea Hotels	233	3525	–
Hilton 1	107	10079	-0.7
M.L.L. 1	1863	–	–
Nikuv	785	500	-0.5
Team 1	487	1170	-2.0
Real Estate, Bldg., Agriculture			
Al-Rov	335	2429	-5.7
Africa Isr. 0.1	31700	6	–
Ariadan 1	2570	100	-0.8
Danknar	4370	125	–
Bayside 1	3960	428	+5.5
Isras	26952	278	-0.2
MTM	280	1500	–
Bldg. Resources	494	2150	–
Lifshitz	77	6000	–
Mehadrin	3738	104	–
Hadarim Prop.	1010	381	–
Industrials			
Dubek r	1710	941	-5.0
Tempo 1	21800	10	+1.4
Sumirot	9850	50	-0.5
Assis	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Adgar	312	2797	–
Argaman	6020	57	+1.0
Delta Galil 0.1	805	2430	-0.5
Ziklt 1	1310	300	+1.2
Eagle 1	183	–	–
Emek	107	1100	–
Polgat a	382	241	–
Gibor Sabrina	2195	–	+1.0
Urdan 1	3270	306	–
Wire&Cable	344	500	–
Zion Cables 5	1445	498	+1.4
Pecker Plada 1	1150	620	+1.8
Elbit	272000	20	+1.7
Electra 0.1	1922	800	+6.7
Aryt	12940	1	–
Spectronix 1	932	352	–
T.A.T. 5	260	5000	-0.4
Y.P. Clal	144	9539	+4.3
Ackerstein 1	450	5403	-2.2
Bolos Bros.	65.5	4000	+2.3
Agan	1696	5172	–
Alliance	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Gal Indus. 1	168.5	–	-1.0
Fertilizers 0.1	2655	2094	-1.1
Sano	3520	76	–
Peristase	495	2180	–
Frutarom	760	17062	+7.0
Kater	63	18129	–
Cargal	494	3866	-2.9
Ta'al	13950	10	+1.3
Koor	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Investment Companies			
Israel Corp. 5	3010	2678	+3.8
Mizrahi Invest.	36000	8	–
Yisum	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Pama	4220	71	-0.5
Piryon	9250	373	+5.6
Kardan 1	79	25851	–
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	23230	73	–

Indices

General Share	Two-Sided	General Bond
11.58 ▲ 0.36 %	10.74 ▲ 2.39 %	117.75 ▲ 0.28 %

Share Movements

Advances	Unchanged	Trading Halt	Declines
181 (43)	171 (106)	50 (52)	87 (288)

Statistics

Stock Indices (Main List)

General Share (excl argmt.)	78.57	+1.45
Non-argmt.	76.71	+1.55
Arrangement Banks	114.8	-0.22
Mortgage Banks	103.27	-0.36
Financial Inst.	113.76	-0.35
Insurance	80.25	+0.72
Commerce & Services	70.37	+1.84
Real Estate & Agric.	76.11	+1.48
Industrials	78.73	+1.84
Food & Tobacco	71.95	+0.8
Textiles	51.8	-0.02
Metals	68.52	+0.45
Electronics	84.46	+2.15
Chemicals	102.73	+3.01
Industrial Invest.	62.41	+1.45
Investment Cos.	74.17	+1.24

Stock Indices (Parallel List)

General Index	67.26	+0.37
Commerce and Services	57.77	-1.03
Real Estate	55.84	+2.1
Industrials	66.52	+0.5
Investment Cos.	63.47	+1.02
Oil Exploration	—	—

Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds	117.81	+0.3
Fully linked	118.59	+0.28
Partially linked	114.8	+0.35
Foreign Currency	118.69	-0.09
FC denominated	112.43	+0.02
FC linked	121.31	-0.13

Short-term 0-2 yrs	115.09	+0.23
Short-medium 2-5 yrs	117.89	+0.35
Medium-long 5-7 yrs	118.4	+0.25
Long-term 7+ yrs	119.15	+0.23

Turnovers

Total Shares	NIS	7,465,400
Non-arrangement	NIS	5,140,800
Two-sided	NIS	2,204,800
Arrangement	NIS	13,840,200
Bonds	NIS	23,377,000
Treasury Bills	NIS	25,842,500

Bond Market Trends

Index-linked:	
3% fully linked	Rises to 1%
4.25% fully linked	Mixed to 1%
80% linked	Rises slightly
Rimon	Falls to 1%
Gilboa	Mixed to 1%
FC denominated	Falls to 1%
Non-government	Rises to 1%
T-bills	14.4-16.4%

Arrangement Yields

IDB ord.	17.64%
Union 0.1	1.5 %
Discount A	12.86%
Mizrahi R.	13.77%
Hapoalim R.	13.34%
General A.	13.37%
Leumi Stock	12.93%
Fin. Trade 1	13.74%

Two-Sided Trading

Name	Morning Price	Morning Volume Shares	Morning % Change	Afternoon Price	Afternoon Volume Shares	Afternoon % Change
First Internat'l	5408	1141	+1.70	5422	1040	+2.00
Fibi	6240	1228	+1.50	6240	980	+1.50
Hassosh r	110	28189	+1.40	114	9000	+5.25
Shilton	681	2330	+2.60	684	3200	+3.00
Clal Trading	192.5	68260	+0.30	194	7600	+1.00
Supersol b	869	11140	+2.00	864	6500	+2.50
Delek r	2304	46403	+2.30	2332	5750	+3.50
Africa-Isr. 1.0	29200	60	+1.50	29136	80	+1.25
Azorim	807	2888	+0.20	821	16200	+3.00
Prop. & Bldg.	2506	741	–	2555	2000	+2.00
ILDC r	451	58725	–	463	32800	+2.75
JEC	280	3938	–	284	28000	+1.50
Clal R Estate	514	2400	–	523	1400	+1.75
Elka	13722	163	–	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Polgat b	291	1896	+2.10	295	8000	+3.50
Is. Can Co. 0.1	2037	833	–	2062	800	+1.25
Clal Electronics	1602	1060	+0.50	1634	1200	+2.50
Elron	159254	57	+2.50	159643	68	+2.75
Teva	9014	2293	+3.00	9035	1620	+3.25
Dead Sea	1830	25761	+3.20	1634	9900	+3.50
Petrochem	1078	18118	+4.30	1086	16500	+5.00
AIPM	233947	19	+1.00	236843	14	+2.25
Clal Industries	126	74583	+2.00	127.5	27000	+3.25
IDB Develop.	5798	265	–	5914	140	+2.00
Ellern	729	2964	–	744	7800	+2.00
Israel Corp.	3647	3885	+2.20	3665	4330	+2.75
Hapoalim Invest.	647	7488	–	660	3200	+2.00
Discount Invest.	2033	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Clal 1.0	729	3550	–	731	23000	+0.25
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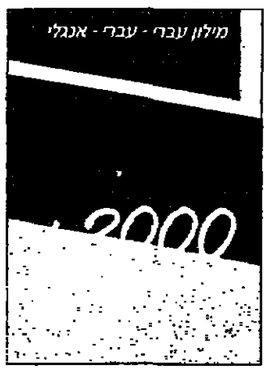

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Heron Group chief Gerald Ronson on Koor affair

Bankers Trust had no hidden agenda

By YORAM KESSEL
and JEFF BLACK

Prominent Anglo-Jewish businessman Gerald Ronson scotched talk yesterday that Bankers Trust had ulterior motives for filing a petition to liquidate Koor Ltd.

Ronson said that although he did not know the ins and outs of Koor's precarious financial situation, Bankers Trust is "a fair bank." He added that he knew the bank's chairman personally, and described him as "a reasonable man."

Ronson, whose Heron Group is the second-largest privately owned conglomerate in the UK, is currently facing charges stemming from the Guinnessgate share-adjustment scandal, which rocked the British financial community last year. In a frank appraisal of his situation, Ronson insisted he had done nothing that warranted the charges and said that from the outset, he had been determined to continue with "business as usual."

The energetic magnate is here on a short visit to dedicate an Ashkelon ORT school he donated in memory of his father. This is part of a complex of ORT schools which the Ronson charitable Foundation is building around the country at a total cost of $25 million. A school to provide vocational education for over 1,000 students is now being planned for the Druse villages of Daliat-el Carmel and Ussfiyah on Mount Carmel.

The blunt-talking businessman was keen to use the opportunity of this trip to speak his mind about some of the perils of doing business in Israel – dangers which he intimated could perhaps lie behind the current mess at Koor.

"Israelis are very difficult to deal with. Let's face it, they sometimes make promises which they don't keep, even though at the time they may actually believe them," he said. "This is the point on which we in Europe and the Middle East meet, or more accurately, don't meet. Not that anyone is deliberately lying. But, if in Europe, we say we will pay back a loan on October 31, we do; if we say we will finish a job on October 31, it will be done. People have a tendency in the Middle East, in Israel generally, not always to do what they say. They sometimes say what they think I want to hear."

"I can imagine a scenario in the Bankers' boardroom something like this," Ronson continued, saying that even though he was a businessman first and foremost, he could also put on a bankers' hat. "'Listen, we've been listening to this kind of nonsense for years,'" he imagined the Bankers Trust executives saying to one another. "'We've heard 50 promises, we've got no security for our money. They never do what they say they're going to do. We're just being jerked around. Enough is enough.'"

Warming to his theme of Israeli business incompetence, the cigar-chomping multi-millionaire said Israel's economy would never become vibrant "until you do a Thatcherism over the whole economic system."

He did not see himself buying into the Histadrut framework if some of Koor's companies were put on the market. But he did reveal that three months ago he had preliminary discussions with Finance Minister Nissim about the possibility of buying state-owned enterprises, should the government decide to go ahead with the privatization programme.

"Of course, I understood that nothing can move until after the elections," he said.

A full interview with Ronson will appear in Friday's edition of *The Jerusalem Post*.

Abdul Rahim Sheik Yosef, principal of a school in Tiyabi, yesterday accepts the Prime Minister's Prize for Jewish-Arab coexistence from Yitzhak Shamir. (Jacqueline Arzt/Media)

ELECTIONS IN AREAS

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ence with no coercive authority.

Palestinians in the territories were mostly sceptical about the proposals by Peres and Rabin, saying they would be inadequate to produce a lull in the uprising. The proposals failed to answer Palestinian demands for municipal elections, but sought instead to produce local negotiators as an alternative to the PLO, the Palestinians said.

"It's too little, too late," said *Al Fajr* editor Hanna Siniora, who was proposed in 1985 as a Palestinian peace negotiator. Rabin's offer of elections was positive, but he still had to free himself of the "Jordanian option," and accept the "Palestinian option" and Palestinian rights to self determination, Siniora said.

Deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natshe said the proposals showed an evolution in Labour's thinking, but they "only cover issues of our daily life, and don't deal with our political future. The people are involved in the uprising to get recognition of their national rights," he said.

Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu Rahme, suggested as a negotiator with Siniora, said the Labour proposals skirted the main issue: achieving a settlement through an international conference.

Ibrahim Dakkak, head of the Arab Thought Forum, a Palestinian think-tank, said: "If Rabin is looking for negotiators, he knows the address. For 20 years the Palestinians have been saying that the PLO is their representative. His statement is for internal consumption, and for his own expediency."

Birzeit University professor Sari Nusseibeh said Rabin's proposals were unlikely to produce calm. "If such a cease-fire is at all possible, it is doubtful that it will come in response to something like electing a negotiating team."

Radwan Abu Ayyash, head of the Arab Journalists Association, was more optimistic. Rabin's statements, he said were "encouraging...the first time that he is stating publicly that it is a political problem that cannot be solved with guns. The minute Rabin and Labour prove that they are sincere in their efforts to find a real political solution, the Palestinians will react positively."

News in Brief

Citrus-harvest aid

The State Employment Service is considering inviting young Jews from Europe to take part in the citrus harvest. Benyamin Schwartz, director of the service's Employers Service department, said the groups could be organized by the Jewish Agency under the framework of a project called *avoda ivrit* (Jewish labour).

Service heads and growers' representatives yesterday discussed the employment ramifications of the harvest, pointing out that an extra 3,500 jobs would be created for the six-month season. The officials called on recently demobilized soldiers to take advantage of the additional grants available for former soldiers prepared to work in agriculture.

The growers also called for bringing in more workers from South Lebanon and overseas. In past years, Arab workers from the territories played a large role in the citrus harvest.

China delegation

A second Israeli representative left for China yesterday for next week's international conference on work safety in Peking. Shlomo Ben-Simhon, a Histadrut central committee member, will lecture the conference on Israel's work safety network.

Ben-Simhon, the head of the work safety department at the Histadrut, will also meet with Chinese trade union officials during his visit.

The other Israeli representative, Shlomo Amir from the Labour Ministry, left for China last week.

Exports to Thailand

Exports to Thailand in the first six months of the year exceeded $22 million, up from $14m. in the same period last year, the Industry and Trade Ministry reported yesterday. Diamonds, agricultural inputs, chemicals, machinery and cotton comprised the bulk of these exports.

The Industry Ministry, together with the Manufacturers Association and the Israel Export Institute, are now organizing two missions to visit Thailand at the end of this month. One mission will include the heads of the metals and electrical goods industry and the other will be made up of industrialists in the field of advanced medical equipment.

Home-purchase taxes

The prices on which the purchase tax on homes is calculated were boosted 4% as of this week, the Finance Ministry said Sunday.

For new homes the 0.5% rate will cover prices up to NIS 44,600, the 3.5% for home between NIS 44,601 and NIS 110,520 and the 4.5% rate for homes in excess of that. For second-hand houses, the 0.5% rate applies to homes up to NIS 42,680, the 3.5% rate to those between NIS 42,681 and NIS 105,765 and the 4.5% for prices above that.

The tax is revised every three months to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

New York Markets

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (Oct. 17)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	10.00 %	Fed funds (late)	8 3/8 %
Broker loan	9.25 %	Long term bond	102 18/32-20/32
NY Euros (3 mos.)	8 5/8-1/2 %	Discount rate	6.5 %

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
Latest	1.8082/87	1.5287/92	1.7455/65	127.03/13	1.2034/39
High	1.8150	1.5340	1.7550	127.55	1.2060
Low	1.8055	1.5255	1.7445	126.88	1.2030

Comment:
The dollar moved little in dull trading yesterday, holding above its session lows in a narrow band as no fresh new emerged. The U.S. currency slipped from earlier levels after support from news that the Bank of Japan checked dollar/yen rates in Tokyo waned during the afternoon. Sterling was above its lows, hit after a bout of institutional selling.

Gold	Spot	412.05	Silver	Spot	6.42
	Prev close	408.35		Prev close	6.37

Wall Street (late prices)

Market Indices			NYSE Highest Volume		
DJ Industrials	2,140.47	+ 7.29	Kroger Wt	9¾	+ ⅜
DJ Transport	916.42	+ 1.31	Wickes	7⅞	+ ½
DJ Utils	183.97	+ 0.47	Hosp Corp	49	+ ¾
65 Stocks	805.11	+ 2.18	Chrysler	26⅛	+ ¾
NYSE Comp	155.87	+ 0.41	Unisys Cor	28⅝	- 1⅜
NYSE Inds	187.86	+ 0.51	CSX Corp	31⅛	+ ⅛
NASD Fin'l	475.69	+ 0.57	Mead	45⅝	+ 1¾
S-P Comp	276.41	+ 0.91	ATT	26⅞	+ ⅛
Amex Index	303.27	+ 0.72	Exxon	45⅛	UNCH
NASD Inds	383.06	+ 0.60	Phillips P	20½	- ½

Statistics

NYSE	Volume	118,332,500	NASDAQ	Volume	119,120,500 (Oct. 17)
	Stocks up	610		Stocks up	1011
	Stocks down	554		Stocks down	827

Comment:
U.S. stock prices climbed in lackluster trading yesterday as many investors sat out the session to await more news on the economy. Traders said the approach of anniversary of the October 19 stock market crash provided another unsettling factor.
A drop in the dollar, last Wednesday's Dow loss of over 30 points and news Thursday of a widened August trade gap have cause investors to veer away from stocks, analysts said.

Israeli Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/Amex

	Last	Prev. close	High	Low	Vol. ('00s)
Alliance	–	½	–	–	–
Am Isr Pap	14⅞	15	14⅞	14⅞	1
Ampal	1½	1½	1⅝	1½	105
Carmel Cont	–	4⅜	–	–	–
Elscint	1⅛	1⅛	1¼	1⅛	9
Etz Lavud	4	4	4	4	10
Laser Inds	3½	3½	3½	3½	20

Over-the-Counter

	Last	Bid	Ask		Last	Bid	Ask
Ampal	–	4½	5¼	IDB Bank	–	67	71
Aryt	–	1½	1¾	IIS	5	4 15/16	5 1/16
Bank Leumi	–	28	30	Interphar	–	2⅞	3⅜
Biotech Gen.	–	2⅝	2¾	Optrotech	3¾	3⅞	4⅛
Elbit	5 3/16	4 15/16	5 3/16	Oshap	–	1¾	2¼
Elde	NA	NA	NA	Rada	–	1 1/16	1 3/16
ECI Tel.	3½	3⅜	3½	Scitex	5⅞	5⅞	6
Elron	3¼	3 1/16	3¼	Tera Vis	–	15/16	1 1/16
Fibronics	3⅝	3⅜	3⅝	Tevapharm	6⅝	6⅝	6⅞
Galagraph	–	1⅛	1½				

OVERSEAS FINANCIAL DATA
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KOOR RECOVERY PLAN

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tion," achievable through the appointment of a liquidator who would keep Koor alive as a going concern, is considered unworkable. El Al was put into receivership six years ago, and has remained there ever since, despite being a state-owned company.

The banks' legal advisers, who have emerged as the key figures operating behind the scenes to influence the top decision-takers, have succeeded in persuading the heads of the banks, and now also senior government officials, that a recovery-plan-cum-creditors-agreement is the desirable path to take.

But because no recovery plan is yet ready, the banks are being forced to seek more time. The first deadline is tomorrow, when the Bankers Trust request will be considered by the court again, after a ten-day hiatus.

Koor's lawyer, Ram Caspi, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he intended to ask the court for another 30 days in which to reply to Bankers' suit. He will base this request on the clear opposition of Koor to the Bankers' request and its readiness to present the court with a detailed recovery plan. The Israeli banks will join Koor in opposing Bankers'.

Further support for Koor against Bankers came yesterday afternoon, when another leading New York bank, Irving Trust, informed Koor that it did not intend to join Bankers' court case. In fact, only ten days ago, Irving renewed a $20m. credit line to Koor. This followed the announcement by several large Austrian banks on Sunday that they were opposed to Bankers' approach. The Israeli lawyer representing the Austrian banks formally filed this opposition with the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Bankers Trust itself is thus effectively isolated, and its request is now thought to have little chance of being accepted by the court.

The main focus of activity in the Koor crisis moved yesterday to Jerusalem, where a series of meetings took place. The first was between the heads of the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, which updated the government's policy regarding Koor.

This meeting apparently decided to reject the fierce pressure exerted by the banks, both directly and through the media, to try and persuade the government to increase the extent of its support for Koor. The larger the amount of government aid and the quicker it is given, the smaller will be the banks' losses from the Koor imbroglio.

Doctor who led research shares new prize

Israeli team builds better blood vessel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

An Israeli research team has developed a synthetic blood vessel that replaces damaged ones, and a technique to coat the inside with natural tissue that prevents clogging. A separate team led by the same doctor has developed an external, mechanical pump to extend the life of heart patients until they recover or get a transplant.

For this work, the head of the teams yesterday received, with a colleague in Beersheba, the first Alkeles Prize for Outstanding Medical Researchers. Donated from the estate of a German-Jewish physician, the new prize awards more money than does the Israel Prize. It will be given every year or two to doctors involved in clinical work and research.

Prof. Gideon Uretzky, 42, a senior cardiothoracic surgeon and director of the Cardiac Surgery Research Institute at Hadassah-University Hospital, shared the prize with Prof. Shimon Glick, dean of the Health Sciences faculty at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

Glick, who received his part of the prize for research into diseases caused by hormonal disturbances, lectured at the award ceremony in Jerusalem on "The Image of the Israeli Doctor," while Uretzky spoke about combining clinical work with research to benefit mankind.

With Prof. Daniel Cohn of the Hebrew University's Casali Institute, Prof. Uretzky and his Hadassah team developed a new polymer for making artificial blood vessels to replace damaged ones that are partially absorbed by the body. This works well for vessels more than six millimetres in diameter, but smaller ones clog up with natural substances from the body. Working with experimental animals, they developed a technique to grow cells to coat the inside of the polymer vessel. These cells excrete a substance that keeps the vessels clog-free.

So far, Uretzky told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview, the synthetic vessel has not been used on humans, but that stage will probably come. "The main thing is that we have developed the technique, which no one else in the world has succeeded in doing, even though they have tried."

In the second project, working with Dr. Shmuel Rahat of Rafael (the Israel Arms Development Authority), Uretzky and his colleagues developed an external ventricle-assistance device to help patients with severe heart damage.

Unlike all other external pumps, the Israeli invention reacts to the body to which it is attached and changes its performance according to need. There are pacemakers that change the frequency of the heartbeat, but these are much simpler to make than a whole pump. This, too, has been tested on animals and proved successful.

Auschwitz survivor's book to appear in Arabic

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA – An Arabic edition of the latest book by the Auschwitz survivor who writes under the pen name K. Zetnik is to go on sale this week.

The title, *Shivitty*, was taken from Psalm 16, "I have set the Lord always before me." The book is the author's sixth, and the first he has published under his own name, Yehiel Dinur.

It was translated by Dr. Mahmoud Abassi, who is publishing it through his family press in Shfaram. In order to attract a wide readership, it will retail for only NIS 10. The original Hebrew book is being sold for NIS 16.

Abassi lectures at Haifa University on Arabic literature and is himself a writer. He told *The Jerusalem Post* he was so moved by the book that he translated it in six days. The English translation by Dinur's wife, Eliya, and Canadian writer Lisa Kentner, took four months.

Eliya Dinur said the new book describes the treatment K. Zetnik underwent for his inability to speak about fearful experiences. His therapist was Jan Bastiaans, a professor of psychiatry at Leyden University. As a member of the Dutch underground during the war, he was imprisoned by the Germans and witnessed the terrible sufferings of Jewish prisoners.

"For 30 years nightmares disturbed K. Zetnik's sleep. Now he has them during the day, fearing that man might unleash a universal holocaust with nuclear weapons," Eliya Dinur said.

In one chapter of the book K. Zetnik describes a hallucination he experienced during treatment. He saw the infamous *Arbeit macht frei* inscription on the gates of Auschwitz turn into *Shivitty*, as he was being driven to the crematorium in a truck packed with skeletal Jewish inmates. He then saw an SS guard huddled in his leather greatcoat against the freezing dawn, yawning sleepily. This made him wonder whether the guard could hate him, the Jew he did not even know, and whether he could hate the anonymous SS man. Worse, he suddenly feared that fate might have reversed their roles.

In a rare interview, Dinur told *The Post* that the message of his new book was that Auschwitz was created neither by God nor by Satan, but by man. In the same way it is man, not God or Satan, who may unleash the nuclear weapons and make an Auschwitz of the whole world. He fears that man is capable of doing it.

"I say that I, K. Zetnik, can be a German. Every man is capable of being one." It is therefore imperative, he said, that all men pause to think where the awesome power of the bomb can lead all humanity.

Dinur's previous books were translated into 38 languages, and *Shivitty* is the fourth to be translated into Arabic in Israel, Abassi said. He added a message of his own to the book, calling on Jews and Arabs, "both sons of Abraham" whose peace of mind has also been so terribly disturbed by the conflict, "to give each other a hand and together make our way out of the tragedy of the conflict into a better common future."

Oved Ben-Ami, founder of Netanya, dies at 83

Oved Ben-Ami (Studio Gavra)

Oved Ben-Ami, the founder of Netanya and father of the Israeli diamond industry, died yesterday at the age of 83.

Born in Petah Tikva in 1905, Ben-Ami devoted his life to the industrial and urban development of the State. In 1929, convinced that the *yishuv* needed a Jewish city between Tel Aviv and Haifa, he chose a site of 1,400 dunams on the coast, that had changed hands for 500 sheep a few years before. The site became the nucleus of modern Netanya.

His efforts to establish the new settlement on a sound financial footing led directly to the founding of Israel's diamond industry, worth over $2 billion a year today in export earnings. The idea occurred to him when an Arab customs officer was looking unsuccessfully for a diamond-cutting shop to help evaluate imported diamonds.

Ben-Ami flew to Europe in 1940 in an effort to persuade Jews in the Belgian diamond industry in Belgium to immigrate. Few came before the Nazis invaded, but it sufficed to start the new enterprise. Ben-Ami became the first president of the Diamond Manufacturers Association, and served in that post until 1952. Ben-Ami's involvement in the growth of Netanya – he served as its mayor for 42 years – did not preclude activity in other areas. He initiated the establishment of Ashdod Port and was prominent in Liberal Party politics. He was also a founder of *Ma'ariv* and chairman of their Modi'in publishing house. His first wife, Yaffa, died in 1967. He married Ilana Rosenfeld-Perlstein five years later. He leaves three daughters.

Sharon: Trade talks with Hungary will lead to ties

BUDAPEST (AP) – Israel's Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, at the end of a six-day visit to Hungary, said yesterday that trade talks and cooperation will pave the way for re-establishing diplomatic relations.

Following an unofficial visit to Hungary, Prime Minister Shamir said last month that the two countries had agreed to gradually restore diplomatic ties severed after Six Day War.

Sharon said he was very satisfied with his talks with government, trade and industry leaders. A large Hungarian trade delegation will visit Israel next month.

Sharon said he believes that the current total of bilateral trade, under $40 million a year, could be raised to $200m. both ways.

Israel is willing to invest and engage in joint ventures and also expects Hungarian companies to invest in Israel, said the minister.

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The City of Netanya
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OVED BEN-AMI
who has been called to his Maker
Netanya residents and others who cherish his memory will accompany him to his final resting place on Tuesday, October 18, 1988.
From 12 noon, the coffin will lie in state in the plaza of the municipal culture centre *(Ohel Shem)* for the public to pay its last respects.
At 2:30 p.m, the funeral ceremony will commence.
Immediately afterwards, the cortège will set out for Rehov Herzl to the square in front of the Great Synagogue – *Shoneh Halachot* – from whence it will proceed to the Ben-Zion neighbourhood cemetery.
Buses will be available for mourners near the *Shoneh Halachot* synagogue.
Yoel Elroy
Mayor

Dodgers blank Oakland 6-0 for 2-0 lead

Hershiser shows he's not just a pretty pitcher

LOS ANGELES – Orel Hershiser allowed the Oakland Athletics the same number of hits he got himself, three, to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a stunning 6-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics and a 2-0 lead in the World Series on Sunday night.

If Dave Parker had not hit three singles, Hershisher might have had a no-hitter against the highly vaunted Oakland sluggers, who blasted 156 home runs during the regular season.

Hershisher got a measure of revenge for those three Parker hits by striking out the left-handed Parker to end the game, thus taking his team to Oakland for the third game of the best-of-seven series tonight with a commanding 2-0 lead.

Hershiser's super season, which ended with a record 59 consecutive shutout innings and 23 victories, got even better with his most incredible performance of the year. He became the first pitcher to get three hits – including two doubles – in a World Series game since 1924 and the first ever to throw shutouts in both the playoffs and the World Series. He even threw in a fine fielding play. He has worked almost half his team's innings in the postseason, and has allowed just three earned runs in his last 92 innings. The last pitcher to get three hits in a World Series game was Art Nehf in 1924.

Hershiser struck out eight, including Carney Lansford, Dave Henderson and Jose Canseco in the fourth, walked two and allowed only three runners to get as far as second base. He threw just 104 pitches, 20 in the eighth inning, despite working on three days' rest, since shutting out the New York Mets in Game 7 of the NL playoffs by the same 6-0 score.

Davis, who had allowed just three earned runs in 17⅓ previous postseason innings with Baltimore and Oakland, ran into Los Angeles' offence in the third.

The Dodgers began the scoring in the third inning. Hershiser faked a bunt on a 3-2 pitch and lined it past Davis' ear for a single. Hershiser bravely took off on Steve Sax's single to right field, unconcerned by Canseco's powerful arm, and slid easily into third.

Franklin Stubbs, playing in Gibson's absence, singled home Hershiser and Mickey Hatcher followed with a hit-and-run single for a 2-0 lead.

That brought up rightfielder Mike Marshall, a .309 hitter, who hit 20 home runs and knocked in 82 runs in the regular season. Marshall, with an 0-2 count on him and two runners on base, dumped a home run just over the fence in leftfield, about 370 feet (110 metres) away – to put the Dodgers in front 5-0.

Alfredo Griffin opened the fourth with an infield single and Hershiser, again pulling back after feigning a bunt, sliced a hit-and-run double two feet inside the right-field line. That made it 6-0 and brought Gene Nelson from the bullpen.

The Athletics, the second-highest scoring team in the Majors this year, saw their scoreless inning streak reach 16⅓ as they managed to get just six balls out of the infield. Hershiser, who has given up just three earned runs in his last 92 innings, is the first pitcher to hurl shutouts in both a league championship series and the World Series.

The Dodgers threatened in the fifth inning on an opening triple by Marshall to leftfield. But reliever Gene Nelson pitched out of it by getting a strikeout, a ground-ball out and a little luck, as leftfielder Dave Parker caught a flyball by Jeff Hamilton on the warning track.

"I've never seen anybody pitch this way and continue to do so, like this young man," said Dodger manager, Tommy Lasorda. Hershisher has now allowed only three earned runs in the last 96 innings he has pitched.

"He pitched a masterful game," chipped in catcher Mike Scioscia. "He had tremendous location with his pitches and that really set up all his pitches. To shut out a lineup of that magnitude is a tremendous feat. He was in control all the way."

Marshall's homer and triple came on 0-2 counts. "At 0-2 Storm Davis was trying to throw a fastball by me and got more of the plate than he wanted to and it carried out of the park," said Marshall. "As soon as I hit it, I just knew I was going to get the run in and that pleased me. Against the Mets I left a couple of runners on third and that bothered me."

Davis confirmed that it was a fastball. "I was trying to throw Marshall a fastball up and in. He was right on top of it. I had trouble seeing the plate. I'm not sure where the pitch went."

Hershisher, who had eight strike outs and two walks in facing just four batters over the 27-man minimum, said "My greatest fear was to face Canseco with men on base. But I avoided it."

ALL ROUNDER – Orel Hershiser who proved himself on Sunday night a mighty man not only on the pitcher's mound but in the batting box as well. (Reuter)

Canseco, who led the Majors with 42 home runs, was baffled by Hershisher's offerings. The powerhouse outfielder struck out once, hit two lazy flyballs and grounded out. Two of Parker's three hits were lead off singles and were immediately erased when Mark McGwire grounded into double plays.

"The Dodgers played well here. We've played well in Oakland," said Parker, who came to Oakland after 15 years in the National League, where he won two batting championships. "It will be nice to get home. We just have to carry on. I haven't seen anything exceptional out there from the Dodgers." "Hershisher threw a great game. Home field will help us," Oakland catcher Ron Hassey said. "Just because you're down two games, you don't quit. You never know in baseball."

This time, Los Angeles didn't need Kirk Gibson, who won Game 1 with a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth but did not play Sunday because of hamstring and ligament damage.

Gibson's status remained "day-to-day", going into Game 3 tonight in Oakland, when Bob Welch opposes Los Angeles' John Tudor. Of 38 teams that have won the first two games in the World Series, 28 have gone on to win the championship.

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Batteries – **Oakland** - Davis, Nelson (4th), Young (6th), Plunk (7th), Honeycutt (8th) and Hassey
Los Angeles - Hershiser and Scioscia

WP – Orel Hershiser 1-0
LP – Storm Davis 0-1
HR – **Oakland** - None
Los Angeles - Marshall (3rd) two on

Time – 2:30
Attendance – 56,051

Gibson 'The Natural'

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – Kirk Gibson's gritty ninth-inning, pinch-hit home run, blasted while hobbled by two bad legs to win the first game of the World Series, is being compared to the heroics of mythical warriors.

Gibson did not start the game for the Dodgers because of a bad knee and a strained hamstring muscle. But he limped out of the dugout when there were two out and a runner on. He struggled to work the count to 3-2 before lashing out and sending a towering fly ball into the stands and bringing the 55,983 fans to near pandemonium.

Many people also compare his shot into the right field stands with two outs and the Dodgers behind a run to the one hit by Roy Hobbs, hero of Bernard Malamud's novel The Natural.

Even the television broadcast of the second of the best-of-seven-game series opened with a replay of Gibson's homer interspersed with scenes of Hobbs hitting his home run with accompanying fireworks from the gods.

National League Commissioner Bartlett Giametti, steeped in legends as a former university professor of literature and long-time baseball fan, says: " A lot of people believed Gibson was 'The Natural.' It's also the myth of a warrior lost in battle – he's the knight who comes back to life with one swing of his sword. He (Gibson) adds to the myth of the wounded warrior. I thought of The Natural for a moment when he hit the home run.

"But then I thought of John Wayne in the movie The Sands of Iwo Jima. I thought of it more in movie terms. After all this is Hollywood and it's a great movie set, isn't it?"

The Nationals

By ORI LEWIS

The National Closed Tennis Championships start at the capital's Israel Tennis Centre courts in Jerusalem at 2:00 p.m. today.

Sixteen men and 16 women will play for the titles Israel Men's National Champion and Israel Womedn's Nationlal Champion, with Gilad Bloom and Ilana Berger trhe defenders of the gtitles they won last year. They are seeded first in their respective events.

Bloom's main challenge will probably come from Shahar Perkis, who played very well at the Riklis Grand Prix at Ramat Hasharon last week, although Perkis is only seeded No. 6. Amit Naor is the seocond seed.

Amos Mansdorf, who was champion in 1986, refused to participate, but his predecessor as Israeli champion, Shlomo Glickstein, who held the title for nine consecutive years, will be making a welcome return to singles competition as a wild-card entry.

The women's event seems to be a much more straightforward affair with Israel's two top women, Berger the champion, and Dahlia Koriat, last year's runner-up, again expected to vie for the title.

The tournament runs through until the finals on Friday, weather permitting.

Rubin wins

Post Sports Staff

SEOUL – Zippy Rubin earned Israel's first gold medal at the Parolympics in Seoul yesterday, when she won the women's javelin event for wheelchair athletes with an Olympic record throw of 18.94 m. These are the 42 year-old-mother of three's 7th. Olympics.

Another unsporting Kuwaiti misbehaved after narrowly beating Nahman Woolf.

Just as he did on Sunday in the javelin, Woolf broke the record in yesterday's shot putt, 13.93 m, only to see Kuwait's Eli Ali Iyad surpass him with 14.01m.

When Woolf came forward to get the silver medal on the podium, Iyad moved off. Moreover, when Woolf went towards him to shake hands, Iyad turned his back demonstratively.

Iyad told reporters that all Kuwaitis are under instructions from their government not to have anything whatever to do with Israeli sportsmen.

In the swimming-pool, Shlomo Pinto won a second silver for Israel, when he came second in the 100m breastroke.

Boomer fizzles as Patriots upset the Bengals

NEW YORK (AP) – The passing of Boomer Esiason was the main ingredient in Cincinnati's 6-0 start. It also was the main reason the Bengals are no longer undefeated.

Esiason, the National Football League's leading passer, was picked off five times – he had only three interceptions in the winning streak – and New England used a time-consuming ground attack to upset the Bengals 27-21 in Sunday's games. The Patriots' victory meant every NFL team has lost at least once.

With four first-half interceptions and two second-half touchdowns by Reggie Dupard, the Patriots, 3-4, made the big plays. In the first half, New England caught twice as many passes from Esiason as it did from its own passer, Doug Flutie, who was two for four.

In other games, it was Indianapolis 35, Tampa Bay 31; Washington 33, Phoenix 17; Cleveland 19, Philadelphia 3; Chicago 17, Dallas 7; the New York Giants 30, Detroit 10; Green Bay 34, Minnesota 14; Houston 34, Pittsburgh 14; the Los Angeles Raiders 27, Kansas City 17; Miami 31, San Diego 28; New Orleans 20, Seattle 19; Denver 30, Atlanta 14; and San Francisco took the Los Angeles Rams 24-21 to tie an NFL record with 11 straight road victories. Buffalo visited the New York Jets last night.

Dolphins 31, Chargers 28

The Dolphins won their third in a row as Dan Marino had his first 300-yard passing game of the season and hit Mark Duper with a 51-yard pass to set up the winning touchdown.

49ers 24, Rams 21

Roger Craig had the finest day of his pro career and the best by an NFL runner this year, rushing for 190 yards and three TDs. Craig carried 22 times and scored on runs of 46, two and 16 yards.

Saints 20, Seahawks 19

New Orleans won their ninth straight road game as Gene Atkins blocked a field goal and Dave Waymer ran 58 yards with it for a touchdown.

Broncos 30, Falcons 14

John Elway passed for 235 yards and a TD before gettinginjured in the third quarter. Tlen Gary Kubiak threw a 68-yard TD pass to Steve Sewell as the Broncos, 4-3, won their third straight to tie the Seahawks for the AFC West lead.

Colts 35, Buccaneers 31

The Colts won for just the second time as rookie quarterback Chris Chandler passed for 240 yards and one touchdown and ran for another score. Eric Dickerson rushed for two TDs and Eugene Daniel returned an intercepted pass 41 yards for another score.

Redskins 33, Cardinals 17

Mark Rypien threw for 303 yards and four touchdown passes, two apiece to Art Monk and Gary Clark. Rypien hit Monk with 19 and 46-yarders and Clark for 19 and 60 yards.

Browns 19, Eagles 3

Cleveland's defense throttled Randall Cunningham, sacking him nine times, and let the Eagles get past the Browns' 40 just once. Cunningham completed 15 of 27 passes for just 114 yards.

Bears 17, Cowboys 7

Dallas quarterback Steve Pelluer suffered a concussion on the third play of the game and Chicago sacked Danny White five times before he injured his knee late in the contest.

Giants 30, Lions 10

The inept Lions lost their sixth straight after a season-opening victory, being outscored 23-0 in the second half. Detroit lost 19 yards in the third quarter and had a mere 113 yards in offense against the lowest-ranked defense in the league.

Packers 34, Vikings 14

Suddenly surging Green Bay, which lost its first five games, won for the second consecutive week as Max Zendejas tied a club record with four field goals. Don Majkowski hit 19 of 32 passes for 243 yards and the Packers took advantage of 15 Viking penalties.

Oilers 34, Steelers 14

Warren Moon made a triumphant return from injuries, throwing for two TDs, to Ernest Givins for 43 yards and going 24 yards to Drew Hill.

Raiders 27, Chiefs 17

Bo Jackson made his 1988 NFL debut in a familiar area and rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown for Los Angeles. Jackson reported to the Raiders last Wednesday after hitting 25 home runs and batting .246 for baseball's Kansas City Royals. He received generally warm support from the 77,078 Kansas City fans, the Chiefs' biggest crowd in 16 years.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Buffalo	5	1	0	.833	111	105
N.Y. Jets	3	2	1	.583	124	97
Miami	4	3	0	.571	129	124
New England	3	4	0	.429	105	169
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	134	156
CENTRAL						
Cincinnati	6	1	0	.857	192	134
Houston	5	2	0	.714	153	152
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	101	95
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	130	192
WEST						
Denver	4	3	0	.571	146	101
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	131	129
L.A. Raiders	3	4	0	.429	168	186
San Diego	2	5	0	.286	102	153
Kansas City	1	5	1	.214	96	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	154	152
Phoenix	4	3	0	.571	177	157
Washington	4	3	0	.571	179	154
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	155	137
Dallas	2	5	0	.286	115	142
CENTRAL						
Chicago	6	1	0	.857	147	74
Minnesota	4	3	0	.571	135	118
Green Bay	2	5	0	.286	143	139
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	131	167
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	95	147
WEST						
New Orleans	6	1	0	.857	160	131
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	199	130
San Francisco	5	2	0	.714	166	141
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	126	197

NATIONAL SOCCER

New look Israel face Malta

Post Sports Staff

TEL AVIV – Moshe Sinai has been named captain to spearhead the national soccer team in their opening match ushering in the Grundman-Schneor era. Israel entertain one of the minnows of European football, Malta, in a friendly international at the Beersheba municipal stadium at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

This first game under the stewardship of the tandem coaches Yaakov Grundman and Yitzhak Schneor sparks off a series of friendlies intended to prepare Israel for the World Cup qualifiers, again in an Oceanea group, at the end of the winter.

Apart from Sinai's appointment, there are a number of surprises in today's line-up, with three players earning their national colours for the first time. They are defenders Shlomo Iluz and Yiftah Halevi, and midfielder Marko Ben-Baruch.

Altogether, it is an entirely new look Israeli team, as follows:

GOAL – **Bonnie Ginsburg (Betar Jerusalem);**

DEFENCE – **Yehoda Amar(Hap Jerusalem), Yaron Parsellani (Betar Tel Aviv),Shlomo Iluz (Hap Beersheba) and Yiftah Halevi (Shimshon);**

MIDFIELD – **Nir Alon (Hap Petah Tikva), Eli Cohen (Hap TA), Moshe Sinai (Hap TA) and Marko Ben-Baruch (Hap Holon);**

STRIKERS – **Nir Levin (Hap Petah Tikva) and Yigal Menahem (Mac Netanya).**

The visitors' coach Horst Hesse of West Germany is confident that Malta can sustain their recently improved standing, which means that they are no longer the automatic whipping boys of European soccer. They have some impressive results over the past couple of seasons, including victories over Finland and Tunisia, a 1-1 draw with mighty Scotland and a narrow 2-3 defeat by Wales. This will be the third meeting between the two countries, Israel having won five years ago 2-1 in Jerusalem, and drawn last year 1-1 in Haifa. The Maltese are optimistic, since last week they registered their first ever away win, a 1-0 victory over fellow-Mediterranean islanders Cyprus.

GOLF – Corey Pavin equalled the second-best 72-hole score in PGA Tour history with a 259 in cruising to an eight-stroke victory in the Texas Open in San Antonio. Pavin was virtually unchallenged over the final 18 holes. The winning margin was the largest on the American tour in at least four years. His 72-hole score has been bettered only once in the history of the PGA Tour, by Mike Souchak with a 257 in 1955. The victory was Pavin's first of the year and seventh of a five-year Tour career. Robert Wrenn took second at 267.

BADMINTON – Former world No 1 Morten Frost won the Carlsberg Classic men's singles title for the fifth year in a row in Preston, England. The 30-year-old Dane, who has lost his All England and European crowns this year, collected his first big championship for 12 months by outclassing new Indonesian sensation Ardy Wiranata 15-8, 15-3 in the final.

In the women's singles final China's Li Lingwei, beaten in both the world championship and World Cup finals by her compatriot Han Aiping, exacted some measure of revenge by winning 4-11, 11-5, 12-9.

Madrid greet Atkinson with six

PARIS (AFP) – Atletico Madrid welcomed their new $875,000 British manager Ron Atkinson by blasting six goals past Espanol in the weekend games of the Spanish soccer league. The man who put the early season blues behind the struggling Madrid side was Brazilian attacker Baltazar who scored four of the goals that lifted Atletico four places to a still modest ninth in the Spanish championship.

Aguilera and Paolo Futre were the other men to cheer Atkinson's first day in charge at Madrid, after leaving English side West Bromwich Albion amidst a compensation storm.

Atletico still have a long way to go, however, to overtake their high-riding neighbours Real Madrid, who won again 1-0 away to Valladolid to keep their second spot, or the free-scoring league leaders Barcelona.

Johan Cruyff's attacking championship leaders beat Betis Seville 3-0, with Fernandez, Bakero and Berugistain getting the goals. Barcelona are unbeaten, having won five of their seven games and scored 15 goals against only two conceded. Real have won one game less and though they have scored one goal more than Barcelona, they have let in seven.

France, Italy, Portugal and Spain were the only European countries to have full league programmes with the others calling off most or all of their first division matches because of World Cup qualifying games this week.

The city of Milan gave a clear warning that it was looking to dominate the Italian league this year. Defending champions AC Milan started the new championship with a 3-1 win at Pescara on goals by Pierpaolo Virdis, Dutch import Marco van Basten and Carlo Ancelotti.

Not to be outdone, Inter Milan and Sampdoria also have maximum points from their first two matches. Inter thrashed Pisa 4-1 on goals by their new West German stars Andreas Brehme and Lothar Matthaus, and Aldo Serena and Argentine Ramon Diaz.

Sampdoria had the Brazilian Toninho Cerezo and Roberto Mancini to thank for their 2-0 win against Como.

Soviet international Alexander Zavarov scored his first league goal for Juventus but they were still held 2-2 at home by Cesena.

Napoli, without Diego Maradona with an injured heel, went down 1-0 at newly promoted Lecce, Paolo Benedetti scoring.

In France, Paris St. Germain went three points clear at the top after winning the French capital's derby 2-0 against Matra Racing. The seventh minute goal that put PSG on the way was controversial. Daniel Xuereb admitted using an arm to scramble the ball home but Racing's protests to Gerard Biguet, who refereed the Seoul Olympic final, came to nothing.

Previous leaders Auxerre lost 1-0 at fourth-placed Nice. French international Daniel Bravo's 35th minute direct free kick, his 10th goal of the season, preserved Nice's 100 per cent home record.

Marseille are third, behind Auxerre on goal difference, after scoring twice in the last 15 minutes to beat Caen 4-2. West German international Klaus Allof marked his return after a six month absence through injury by scoring and Jean-Pierre Papin got his 11th goal, keeping him top of the scoring charts.

Bordeaux, after two heavy away defeats, were the day's highest scorers, knocking five past Nantes without reply. Yannick Stopyra and Jean-Marc Ferreri both scored twice but Nantes defender William Ayache's powerful header into his own net was the most spectacular.

Eire international Frank Stapleton marked his first match in France by scoring for his new club Le Havre in a 1-1 tie at Niort in the Second Division.

Benfica took advantage of Sporting Lisbon's failure to win to claim a clear lead at the top of the Portuguese championship. Sporting could only draw 1-1 against mid-table Boavista, but Benfica won away 2-0 at FAFE Famalicao to take a one point lead. Brazilian Ademir opened the scoring for Benefica, while Vata scored the second to put him at the top of the Portuguese goalscorers' list with eight this season. FC Porto won 1-0 against Belenenses, managed by another British coach, John Mortimore, to go level on points with Sporting.

GIANT KILLER – Ireland's jubilant Des Smyth tosses his cap to the crowd after his birdie on the 18th green which ensured Ireland's remarkable Dunhill Cup victory over Australia on Sunday. (Reuter)

Hungarian runner sets two world records

BUDAPEST (AP) – Hungarian Agnes Sipka Oze set a world record over 20 km, running the distance in 1 hour, 10 minutes and 56.6 seconds, the official MTI news agency reported. She broke the former record of 1:11.49 at a meet in Szekesfehervar, in central Hungary, MTI said without elaborating.

MTI said Sipka Oze set a second record by covering a distance of 16.991 km in one hour, with the previous best distance for that time being 16.620 km.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS – Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Evert 6-2, 6-3 to win the $250,000-dollar Virginia Slims tournament in Filderstadt, West Germany. Navratilova, who was the defending champion, has now won the tournament five times. She needed 75 minutes to dispatch the second-seeded Evert. "See you in 1989," Navratilova called to the 2,500 fans after the match. "I'll be here even if Steffi (Graf) plans to play."
ICE HOCKEY – NHL results: Edmonton Oilers 3, Winnipeg Jets 3 (OT); New York Rangers 3, Vancouver Canucks 2; Boston Bruins 10, Chicago Blackhawks 3; Quebec Nordiques 5, Buffalo Sabres 3.
CRICKET – India scored a 23-run victory overt the favoured West Indies, who had never previously lost in the three-nation Sharjah Champions tournament. Replying to India's 238 for 5, the West Indies were all out for 215. Man of the match was India's Krishnamacharia Srikkant, who knocked up 112 in the one-day, 50-over game. The West Indies play Pakistan next in a 5-match series for the Sharjah Trophy.

BOXING – Mike Tyson is now scheduled to defend his heavyweight title against Frank Bruno of Britain on Jan. 14 instead of Dec. 17, at a site to be determined, Tyson's manager said. Three Las Vegas casinos reportedly are bidding to hold the match, which has become an attraction in the U.S. because of the publicity involving the 22-year-old champion's marital problems.

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News in Brief

Services for Romanians

The bodies of the four members of the Romanian Orthodox Church who died in a traffic accident on Friday morning when their car collided with an Egged bus are to be returned to their homeland for burial, following a funeral service at the church in Rehov Shivtei Yisrael at 9 a.m. today. Prior to the service, deputy to the Romanian Patriarch Bishop Vaclei Tigovsteanu, who served in Jerusalem from 1955 to 1958 and who was sent by the Patriarch following the tragedy, will be receiving condolence calls. The deceased were the superior of the church in Jerusalem, the driver, a monk and a nun.

Haim Shapiro

World-wide ban

LONDON – Nazi-hunter Efraim Zuroff is seeking an Israeli publisher for his book "Occupation: Nazi-hunter," which has been banned by the Scottish courts. Antanas Gecas, the alleged Nazi mass murderer whose actions are detailed in the book, has won a Scottish civil court ruling preventing Zuroff from publishing anywhere in the world, but Zuroff describes the ban as ridiculous. Zuroff, director of the Jerusalem office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he would fight the ruling as soon as he found a publisher.

David Horovitz

Strike in Lebanon

BEIRUT – Pro-Syrian Lebanese went on strike in Moslem areas of Lebanon yesterday protesting Iraqi support for their Christian rivals. The strike came a day ahead of crucial elections aimed at finding a new parliamentary speaker, which most Christians are likely to boycott. Speaker Hussein Husseini's year-long term ends today. Many Lebanese fear the post will remain vacant, pushing the country even further towards partition. Failure to elect a speaker would leave Lebanon with two rival governments with no legislative power, as well as no president. *Reuter, AP*

Israeli Arab views

Israeli Arabs will identify more and more with the Palestinian struggle if there is no political breakthrough, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said in Haifa yesterday. Speaking to the Public Police Committee, Bar-Lev said that at the moment the connection between Israeli Arabs and the Palestinians in the territories was not so intense and there were few direct contacts between them. But while most Israeli Arabs were law-abiders the law-breaking fringes were widening, he said.

Itim

Salonika monument

ATHENS – The Central Jewish Board of Greece dedicated a monument at Lianocladi train station Sunday to honour 500 Salonika Jews transferred from this central Greek town to Auschwitz. Only 10 survived. Government officials and representatives of Jewish and resistance organizations laid wreaths. However, the C.J.B.G. did not invite the Israeli embassy to participate.

Victor Eliezer

Labour hassle at ITV

Members of Israel Television news staff yesterday prevented the entry to the news department offices of Oded Ben-Ami, the diplomatic correspondent of Kol Yisrael, who served last night as Mabat anchorman.

Ben-Ami was asked by the director-general of the Broadcasting Authority, Uri Porat, to serve as anchorman in order to bring new faces to the screen. The staff objects to bringing new workers to the department while the management wants to dismiss permanent staff members.

Migrant Birds

The annual north-south bird migration over Israel ended last week without a single collision between birds and IAF planes. Pilots had been briefed regularly prior to training flights on the locations of migrating flocks and took appropriate evasive action, the Nature Reserves Authority said yesterday.

Itim

'No negotiations yet' to resolve dispute

Students take protest to ministers' homes

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV – Although 70,000 students are being kept away from their university classes because of strikes and sanctions, no negotiations are as yet being held to solve the dispute. As anticipated, academic staff at the universities voted yesterday to strike classes as of tomorrow, but since the universities had already curtailed classes the decision has limited practical significance.

The Hebrew University Student Union held a protest outside the home of the finance minister yesterday, saying that for as long as students cannot get into their dormitories and cannot go to classes, ministers should not be able to sit quietly at home. Similar protests outside the home of the education minister, and later the prime minister, are planned for the coming days.

Chairman of the Knesset Education Committee MK Nahman Raz yesterday demanded an immediate transfer of NIS 15 million from the Finance Ministry to pay salaries due workers, academics and managerial staff, which he said would enable the scholastic year to start.

At a press conference yesterday morning, Beit Berl Director Arie Harel warned that the colleges are right behind the universities with their own budget deficits – which he estimates at about NIS 15 million. He said there is a shortage of funds in the Ministry of Education budget for colleges it funds.

He added that the crisis goes beyond the immediate lack of money, because demand for higher education is increasing while the universities' capacity to provide it is decreasing because of the budget squeeze.

The press conference was called to announce new programmes at Beit Berl, which include a school of communications and an art school, a training programme for teachers in technology and courses to train "burnt out" teachers as secretaries or for jobs in the communications field.

Israel's Chen Shabtai, 13, finished second in the eighth world Monopoly championships yesterday, losing in the finals to Japan's national champion. The Israeli champion, from Ra'anana, won $1,000 after the two hour, 15-minute, five-player title round. Winner Ikuo Hiyakuta (back row, centre), 36, from Chiba City, Japan, won $15,140 in cash, the same amount that comes in each Monopoly set. Thirty players from 29 countries participated in the two-day event in the Park Lane Hotel, a name familiar to Monopoly fans. (AP, Reuter)

Students bed down where they can

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus looked less like a centre of learning yesterday morning and more like an Israeli institution deeply mired in labour strife. But students had managed to find accommodation on their own and looked fresh and invigorated after a good night's sleep.

"Nobody had to sleep on the grass and only 15 students came here to ask for assistance in finding accommodation," reported Nadav Lisovsky, head of the Students Union.

Most out-of-town students seem to have decided to wait out the strike at home, but those already in Jerusalem had managed to find places to sleep.

Betti from Beersheba managed to secure "a third of two beds" in a friend's dormitory room. "We put two beds together for three of us," she explained.

Moshe from the Students Union didn't see such arrangements as an inconvenience. "Now is the time for romance and friendship," he said. He spent the night in a sleeping bag on the floor of a room inhabited by a French exchange student and his girlfriend. The French student was bemused. "This is not the kind of welcome the Jewish Agency gives you abroad."

Still, foreign students are generally faring better than their Israeli counterparts. Administration workers agreed that foreign students should not suffer from the strike. "But someone has to suffer, otherwise nobody cares," said a dormitory management worker. She was referring, of course, to the Israeli students.

Coordinator Dafna Schpruch directed harsh words at Israeli students, whom she found much too indifferent. "They're young; they should go into the streets and shout, all 70,000 of them, in protest against the miserable conditions of the universities and libraries."

"Indifference reigns," agreed Lisovsky. The students, he said, "are used to strikes and weary of them. The coming year will not be a quiet one."

Prime Minister Shamir with British philanthropist Gerald Ronson and his wife at the opening of the new Ort school in Ashkelon yesterday. (Mordzinski / Media)

Ort school in Ashkelon only a start for UK philanthropist Ronson

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON – British philanthropist Gerald Ronson, who yesterday dedicated the Henry Ronson ORT high school here to which he contributed $6 million, declared that this was only the start of his involvement in Israel.

Ronson disclosed that he had given 45 per cent of the shares in his Heron International to Ronson Foundations for educational and social projects in Britain and Israel.

His next Israeli project will be the first ORT high school for Druse on Mount Carmel. Comparing the Druse to the Jews of Britain, "another minority that has contributed to its society," Ronson described the Druse as "a loyal minority that has fought and died for Israel's independence," and said their children deserved the best possible education.

Prime Minister Shamir thanked Ronson for his contribution and pointed out that Israel would never be able to compete with its neighbours on a quantative basis. He said: "Only the quality of our manpower gives us the edge, and that depends on education."

Shamir noted that Israel's education budget was second only to its defence budget in size and said he looked forward to a time of peace when education would be allocated the largest part of the state budget.

Ashkelon Mayor Eli Dayan recalled that, in 1963, he began his secondary education in Ashkelon in a small two-room apartment. Turning to Ronson, he said: "Today my son is starting his secondary education in this wonderful building you have given us." Dayan described it as "the high point in the partnership between the town of Ashkelon and British Jewry, which has transformed our town through Project Renewal."

Before the ceremony, Ronson told *The Jerusalem Post* that he disapproved of the quality of construction of the concrete building and said that he would push the contractors to improve it. "However, that's not the most important thing," he said. "The most important thing is what goes on inside the school. What those kids will do for Israel tomorrow. I'm proud to be here."

Noting that the school was named after his father, Ronson said that his four daughters, who were present together with his wife Gail, would continue the work of the Ronson Foundations in Israel.

Dayan told *The Post* that it was the largest single contribution that Ashkelon had ever received. He disclosed that Ronson was donating a further $3 m. to reburbish and re-equip another high school in Ashkelon. He recalled that, in May 1986, the cornerstone had been laid by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and then prime minister Shimon Peres.

Although it was a day away from electioneering for Dayan, the young mayor and Alignment Knesset candidate couldn't resist cracking. "And prime minister Peres will be back here in a couple of weeks to visit us again."

Also present at the ceremony were Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, British Ambassador Mark Elliott, Jewish Agency chairman Simha Dinitz, Lord Sieff and British Joint Israel Appeal president Trevor Chinn.

Court chief clerk convicted in traffic fraud case

The former chief clerk of the Tel Aviv area magistrates courts, Yehiel Ben-Ami, was convicted yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court of taking bribes, stealing from public funds, breach of trust, interfering in the legal process, fraud in aggravated circumstances and being an accesssory to fraud.

Judge Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen delivered a tough judgement which was dozens of pages long.

An investigation of corruption in the Tel Aviv and central region magistrates' courts was ordered after suspicions were aroused by unexplained cancellations and changes in the judgements of traffic courts. At first, there was no suspicion against Ben-Ami and he was asked to help in the investigation.

In December 1986 Yehuda Frankel, who turned state's witness, was arrested and identified Ben-Ami as one of those involved in a corruption ring.

Ben-Ami was said to have bought and sold goods impounded by courts and held in a warehouse under his responsibility. The goods were listed in documents as having been sold at public auction.

He was convicted of three cases involving moving up traffic hearings or delaying implementation of prison sentences in return for bribes and other favours.

"It is amazing that the chief clerk of a magistrates' court could contradict judicial decisions and give illegal instructions to clerks subordinate to him. I am not at all convinced that the cases brought before this court were the only ones," Ostrovsky-Cohen said.

She estimated that Ben-Ami had received about $20,000 in all his illegal dealings.

"In his impudent appearance on the witness stand he relied on his 27 years in the courts and was not deterred from telling lies to the judge. This arouses in me grave thoughts about the administration of the courts," she added.

"The public expects from a public servant in a position of trust bestowed by the state a commensurate level of behaviour. A public servant who exploits his position to enrich himself is not representing the interests for which he was appointed," Ostrovsky-Cohen said.

On Sunday the court will hear character witnesses and debate sentence. (Itim)

'LAST TEMPTATION' BANNED IN ISRAEL

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The liaison office received strong protests against the film from leading local clergymen representing the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Churches.

A *personal appeal to ban Last Temptation* was made to Prime Minister Shamir last August by George Otis, president of the South Lebanese Voice of Hope radio station.

Some censorship board members also took the unusual step of inviting two officials of the International Christian Embassy, which represents fundamentalist supporters of Israel, to attend screenings of the film.

"I thought it was blasphemous," Christian Embassy spokesman Jan Willem van der Hoeven, one of the officials, said yesterday. "If it had been allowed to be shown in the Holy Land, I think it would have soured the relationship many Christian supporters have with Israel. We looked to Israel to set an example for the so-called Christian nations that have allowed the movie to be shown."

The producers of *The Last Temptation*, Universal Studios, and the film's local distributors, Golan-Globus, now have the option of reapplying to the censorship board, possibly after making cuts in the film. They could also appeal the decision to the High Court of Justice.

The Last Temptation has already been screened in the U.S. and Europe.

Perhaps it was only a coincidence

ELECTION EYEWITNESS
Yehuda Litani

UMM EL-FAHM – "I wish all the 23 ministers of this government would come to this town to inaugurate something, as Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi did with a new telephone switch-board today," said Mayor Hashem Mahamid at the conclusion of the impressive ceremony.

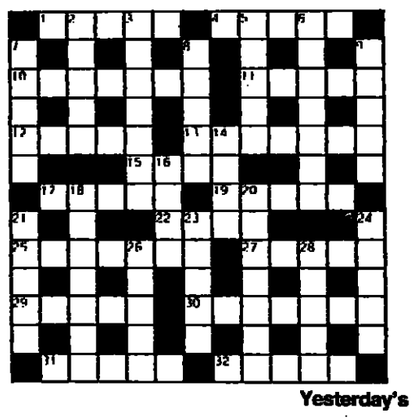
Is it just a coincidence that the switch-board was inaugurated two weeks before the elections ? "Let them all come here before the elections if they think they can gain votes, I wish they would," said Mahamid, who is also the fifth candidate on the DFPE list.

"We have needed such a switchboard for 40 years. But they come here without knowing basic facts about our town. I thank Mr. Ya'acobi very much, but he said he is happy that the ceremony is taking place before the rain starts, because after all, most of the inhabitants of this town are farmers who need the rain. What is he talking about? Doesn't he know that most of the people here are workers and not farmers? Workers because most of our land was confiscated by Labour governments. We only have 20,000 dunams here, most of which is rocky soil."

At the ceremony, Ya'acobi promised the more than 150 participants that during 1989, no Israeli Arab will have to wait for phone installation. The new NIS 5m. switchboard, he said, is one of the most advanced in the world

During and after the ceremony it seemed as if Umm el-Fahm had turned into an island of understanding between Jews and Arabs, with senior officials of the ministry of communications, smiling and shaking hands with local residents. Israeli flags were flying in the wind and the young boys playing among the olive trees looked at the guests from Tel Aviv with curious eyes.

At the end of the ceremony, however, a Bezek worker reported that windows of a Bezek van in the parking lot had been smashed. "I thought the intifada was going on only in the territories, and not here, but I was wrong," he said.



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12 Wood nymph (5)
13 Reclaim (7)
15 Above (4)
17 Salt-water (5)
19 Forefinger (5)
22 Effervescent drink (4)
25 Italian wine (7)
27 Larceny (5)
29 Humble (5)
30 Capricious (7)
31 Romany (5)
32 Office-worker (5)

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2 Attempt (5)
3 Desert (7)
5 Shack (5)
6 Tell (7)
7 Wear away (5)
8 Poetry (5)
9 Cut (5)
14 Dry (4)
16 Underwear (4)
18 Trains (7)
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TWO SOLDIERS

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Few incidents were reported yesterday in the West Bank, continuing a relative lull in violence in recent days. During clashes in Nablus, a two-year-old baby was grazed by a bullet, and a 13-year-old boy was wounded by gunfire, sources in the city said. Several other local residents were hospitalized with injuries from beatings and rubber bullets.

Residents of Nablus have organized contributions of food and money to support 11 families made homeless by the demolition and sealing of their houses by the IDF last week. The families have been put up in the building of a local charitable association. The homes destroyed and sealed belonged to men arrested on suspicion of hacking to death three suspected "collaborators" in the city.

At Salfit, southeast of Nablus, a 43-year-old man was seriously wounded in the face, local sources said.

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Right to Function with Honour and the Negev's Right to Blossom

By decision of the Israeli Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – the youngest institute for higher education in Israel – was founded 20 years ago. Our University was founded in order to spearhead the development of the Negev, the expansive desert region which comprises 60% of Israel's land mass. Over the years, the University has become an important focal point for education, teaching and research, and has contributed to the development of industry, energy production and desert research, while improving the quality of life of the population of Beersheba and the entire region. The University's achievements in many fields have earned it recognition and praise, and results of its research are being applied worldwide.

As the new academic year begins, we face a severe crisis which is forcing the University to fire many of its employees in order to reach a balanced budget. This decree may damage the very basis of the University's existence and the damage which it will cause is both immediate and non-reversible in coming years.

The University's current situation stems from a change in policy on the part of the Israeli Government towards higher education. Ten years ago, the Government funded 90% of universities' budgets, while today its support has been cut to only 60%. This change is catastrophic for Ben-Gurion University of Negev, the youngest university in the country. The last crisis occurred four years ago when the University was forced to fire 20% of its employees. Most of them left the Negev, and some left the country.

We turn to the Government of Israel and to all those for whom the Negev is vital and precious to act quickly in order to prevent this harsh decree from reaching fruition. A blow to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is a blow to all higher education in Israel, a blow to the progress and development of the Negev and its population, and a blow to the growth and development of the entire country.

The academic, administrative and student body of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev